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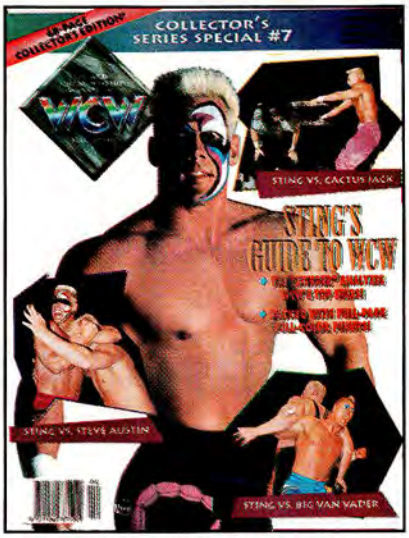

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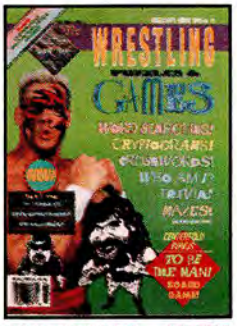

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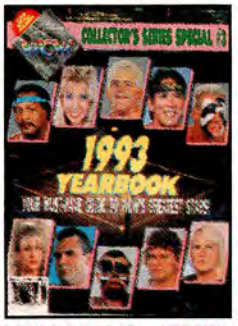

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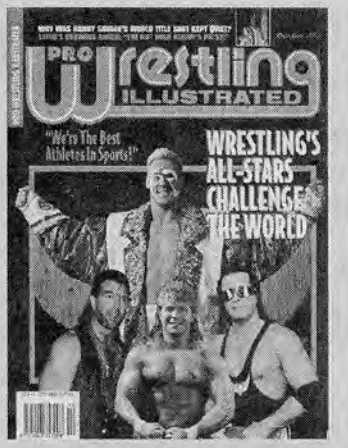
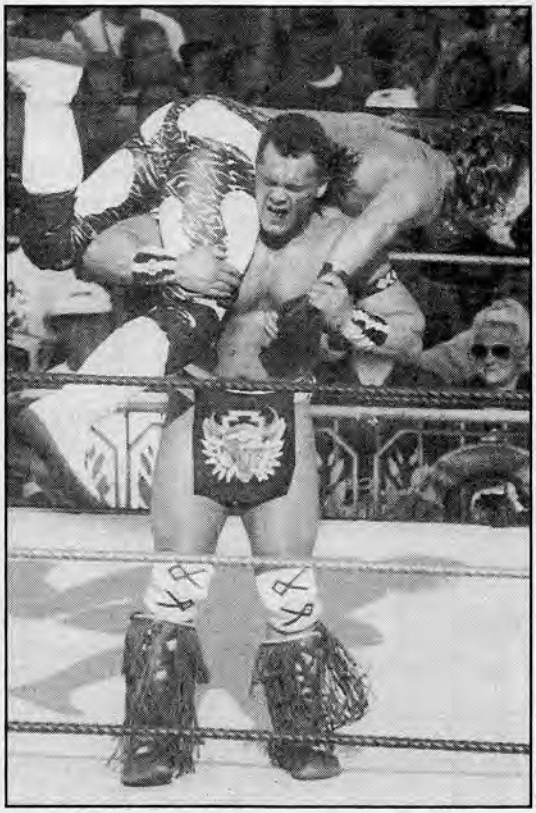


In our October 1994 issue, we proposed the idea of 10 of the best wrestlers in the world challenging the best competitors in other sports to an all-around athletic competition. It would be a good way for wrestlers to back up their claim that they are the best athletes in sports.

"I've been wanting to see something like that for years," wrote Al Suiza of Tucumcari, New Mexico. "I'd like to see a football or basketball player match the endurance of a Bret Hart or a Sting. It wouldn't happen!"

"Wrestlers have taken a bad rap for years," said Dan Colden of Uhrichsville, Ohio. "All the other pro athletes have to be in great shape to go through their grueling seasons. Wrestling doesn't have seasons. Wrestlers get pounded by each other all year round. I'd like their chances against other athletes."

"I'd love to see wrestlers go against 'mainstream' athletes," wrote Jon Noga of Flagg, Texas. "You'd just have to make sure they could all get along."



Tatanka has long been a fan favorite, taking on foes like Shawn Michaels. But for the Native American to reach prominence in the WWF, reader Adam Bradshaw believes he must become a rulebreaker.

NO CONTEST

I have read your recent comparisons between the WWF and WCW and I can't believe some people actually think the WWF—in its current state—is better. I recently watched a lumberjack match between Tatanka and Crush on *WWF Monday Night Raw*. Among the "superstars" surrounding the ring were a clown, a race car driver, a tax accountant, two cowboys, and an overweight ninja. I wasn't sure if I was watching a wrestling match or a reunion of the Village People.

All the WWF's high-tech lighting and special effects cannot cover up one obvious fact: WCW has better wrestlers, better matches, and the best broadcast team ever assembled. I've always favored WCW, but I used to enjoy the WWF's mix of wrestling and entertainment. I now eagerly await the night on *Raw* when all the WWF superstars join together and start singing "YMCA."

RICHARD RIDDLE
Lancaster, SC

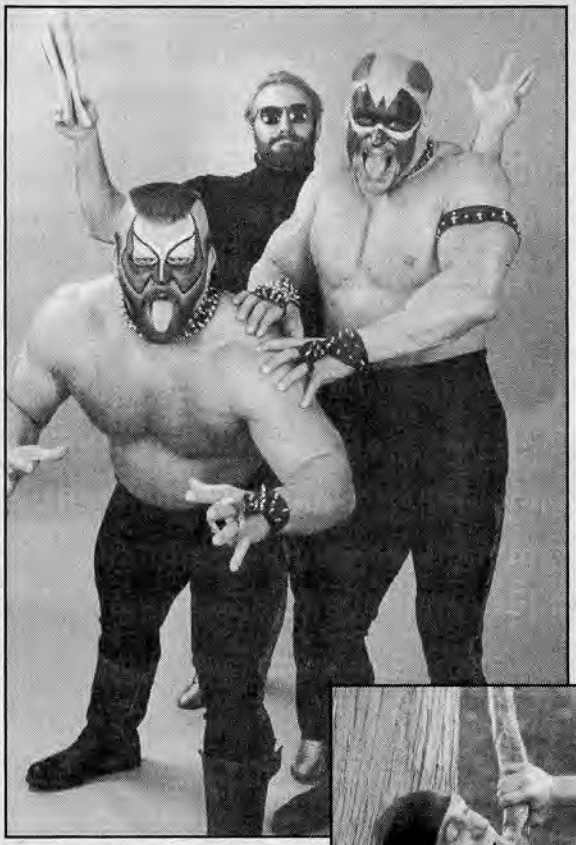
ADVICE TO TATANKA

I am usually pro-rulebreaker, but there is one fan favorite even *I* like: Tatanka. He is a very tough, very skilled competitor. He gave Shawn Michaels all he could handle at WrestleMania IX. He could do much better as a rulebreaker. Let's face it, he hasn't been getting many title shots lately. As a fan favorite, all he does is get brutalized by Ludvig Borga, Bam Bam Bigelow, and Irwin R. Schyster.

ADAM BRADSHAW
Snow Hill, NC

"PRECIOUS" OMISSION

I just finished reading the 15th anniversary issue of *PWI* (September 1994). It's definitely a keeper, except for one thing: no pictures of Paul Ellering. The man was the manager of the greatest tag team ever: The Road Warriors. I think he deserves a little



While The Road Warriors were acknowledged among wrestling's greats in the 15th anniversary issue of *PWI*, reader Kitt Kunald can't understand why their manager, Paul Ellering, was not pictured with Hawk and Animal.

more recognition than just being mentioned here and there. Couldn't you have printed just one picture of "Precious" Paul in the anniversary issue?

KITT KUNALD
Aurora, IL

☎ STING'S NO PATSY

Stunned. That's the one word that I would use to describe my reaction after I read your story about the tension between Hulk Hogan and Sting ("Sting's Brewing Anger: 'I'm Not Hulk Hogan's Patsy!'" October 1994). I don't blame Sting for being upset when he first heard Hulk was coming to WCW. He knew Hogan would take some of the spotlight away from him. But I'm sure once he thought about it, Sting realized Hogan was no threat to him. The "Hulkster" is too classy a man to do anything to hurt the "Stinger's" career. I'm thrilled to finally see them in the same federation. I hope they start wrestling as a tag team very soon.

BRENDA ELMORE
Oak Hill, WV

☎ SILENT SAVAGE

That Bret Hart was willing to defend his WWF World title against "Macho Man" Randy Savage tells you all you need to know about how good a champion Bret is ("Machogate! Why Was Randy Savage's World Title Shot Kept Quiet?" October 1994). Obviously, Savage wanted a shot at the belt and Bret knew he was a worthy challenger.

But I think it was the "Macho Man" who wanted the whole thing kept quiet. That way if he won, everyone would *have* to find about it. But if he lost, only a few people would know. It was actually a no-lose situation for him. Savage shouldn't be ashamed he lost.

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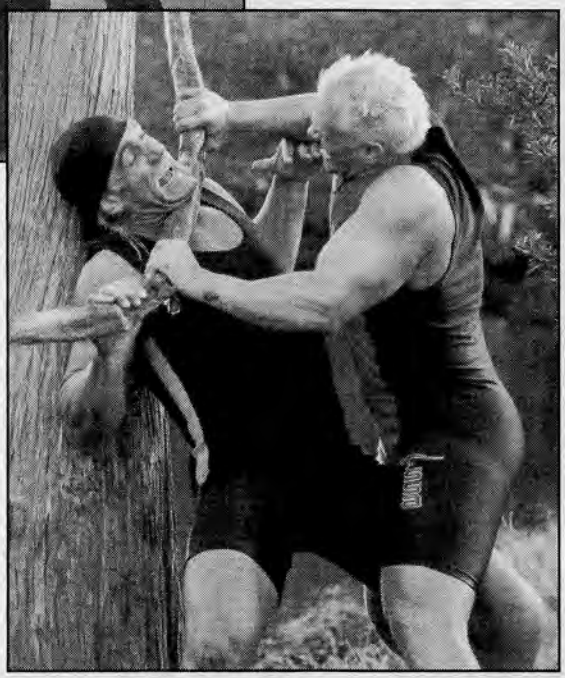
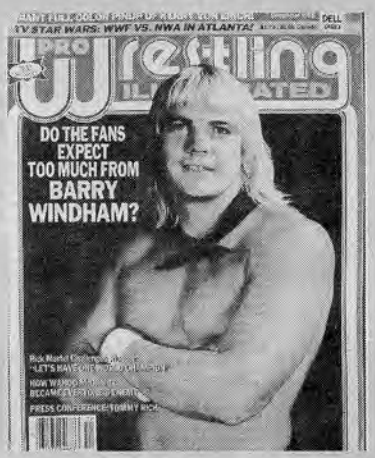


Sting's tense relationship with Hulk Hogan bothers *"PWI* Hotline" caller Brenda Elmore. She hopes the two (shown on Hogan's series *Thunder In Paradise*) will form a tag team now that both are in WCW.

10 YEARS AGO IN PWI



***The cover** of the December 1984 issue featured Barry Windham and asked the question, "Do The Fans Expect Too Much From Barry Windham?" At the time, Windham was a fan favorite and was receiving thousands of letters a month from adoring fans. Many begged him to not only pursue the NWA World title, but to also drive rulebreakers like Kevin Sullivan out of Florida. He said he was trying his best, even though the pressure was starting to get to him.*

***The centerfold** featured Kerry Von Erich. The "Modern-Day Warrior" had just come off an 18-day reign as NWA World champ. He dedicated the victory to his brother David, who died in February 1984. After Kerry lost the belt to Ric Flair in Japan, he received a series of rematches and vowed to win it back. Sadly, he never won another world title. Kerry committed suicide in 1993.*

***Elsewhere in the magazine:** AWA champ Rick Martel challenged NWA champ Ric Flair, declaring "Let's Have One World Champion!" ... Wahoo McDaniel admitted he was becoming angry with U.S. champ Rick Steamboat and NWA champ Flair because neither was willing to give him a title shot ... Columnist Matt Brock looked at young manager Jim Cornette and called him a "spoiled brat" who had no place in wrestling.*

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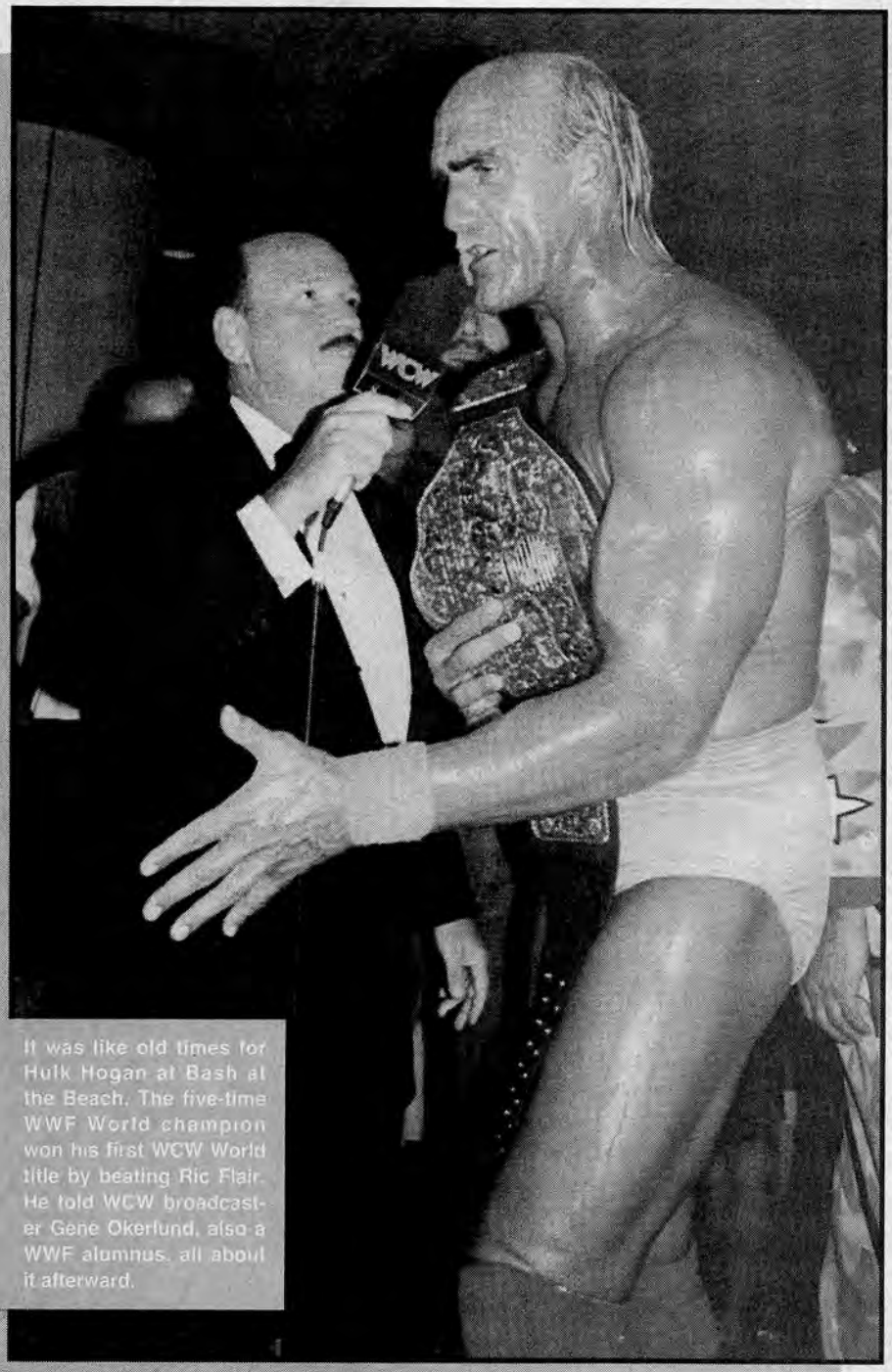
RINGSIDE

With Bill Apter

YES, "HULKAMANIA" IS alive and well in WCW. **Hulk Hogan** won his sixth world title by beating **Ric Flair** in a thrilling main event at Bash at the Beach. (For complete details on that, turn to "Wrestling Enquirer" on page 84.)

There were other significant developments on the card as well. We have new WCW World tag team champions. **Paul Orndorff** and **Paul Roma** scored a tainted victory over **Cactus Jack** and **Kevin Sullivan**. You can expect their rivalry with **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** and **The Patriot** to heat up very fast.



It was like old times for Hulk Hogan at Bash at the Beach. The five-time WWF World champion won his first WCW World title by beating Ric Flair. He told WCW broadcaster Gene Okerlund, also a WWF alumnus, all about it afterward.

Also, **Steve Austin** retained the U.S. belt by beating **Rick Steamboat**, and **Lord Steven Regal** successfully defended the TV title against **Johnny B. Badd**, who was subbing for **Sting**. The "Stinger" was still hurting from the beating he took from Flair and **Sherri Martel** at Clash of the Champions XXVII. He tells me he isn't through with the "Nature Boy," however.

Incidentally, Lord Steven seems to be a different man when he wrestles in Japan. He completed a brief stint with New Japan Wrestling in which he teamed with partners such as **Max Moon**, **2 Cold Scorpio**, and **The Nasty Boys**. Hard to believe someone as cocky as Regal would team with a fan favorite like Scorpio or a vile pair like **Jerry Sags** and **Brian Knobs**, but both combos worked.

The Nastys will face a stiff challenge in the fall when they take on Hogan and Sting in a series of matches on a WCW European tour. One of the "Hulkster's" old buddies, **Hacksaw Duggan**, is now wrestling in WCW.

Perhaps the most disturbing development at the Bash took place when **Arn Anderson** turned against his partner, **Dustin Rhodes**. He DDT'd "The Natural" and helped **Bunkhouse Buck** and **Terry Funk** beat him. Strange, only two months earlier, Anderson

These aren't the best of days for Tatanka. The Native American superstar's temper has been getting the best of him in matches with Irwin R. Schyster. He also hasn't been seeing eye-to-eye with his good friend Lex Luger.

turned against *Funk* during an ECW tag team match.

Things aren't going so well for **Tatanka**. His temper got the best of him in many of his clashes with **Irwin R. Schyster** and he's gone so far as to strike the referee to draw a disqualification. Now the two are settling their differences in strap matches.

The Native American is also accusing **Lex Luger** of selling out to **Ted DiBiase**. Luger insists he isn't joining the "Million-Dollar Man's" corporation. The Native American made DiBiase look foolish at a TV taping when he beat **Nikolai Volkoff**. DiBiase promised to give Tatanka $10,000 if he could do that and was forced to pay up.

Owen Hart continues to get his chances at his older brother **Bret's** WWF World title, but has been unable to win it. He hopes his luck will change now that they're wrestling in a series of 60-minute

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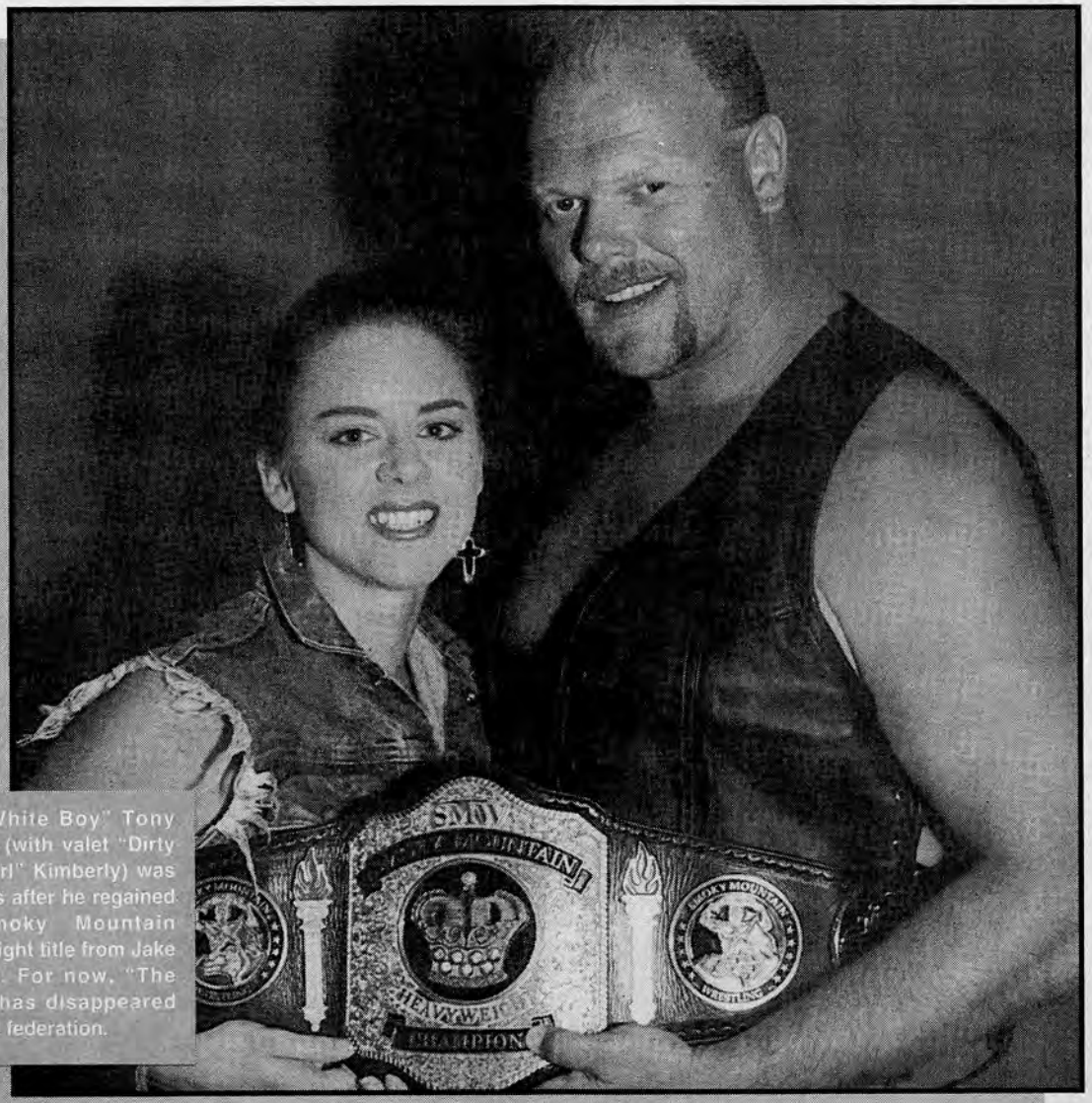

"Dirty White Boy" Tony Anthony (with valet "Dirty White Girl" Kimberly) was all smiles after he regained the Smoky Mountain heavyweight title from Jake Roberts. For now, "The Snake" has disappeared from that federation.

from the desk of...

Stuart M. Saks

On Thursday, July 14, Hulk Hogan sat on a Federal District Court witness stand in Uniondale, New York, ashamedly admitting to the world that the body that had propelled the phenomenon of "Hulkamania" was in part drug-enhanced, that he had taken steroids for 13 years to build his physique to legendary proportions.

On Sunday, July 18, Hulk Hogan sat atop the world, soaking in the cheers of 13,500 fans at the Orlando Arena, a championship belt bearing the raised letters "WCW" clenched firmly in hand. One hundred hours after solemnly swearing to tell the truth in a court of law, Hogan had his own personal trial in the more comfortable setting of a sports arena, and the verdict of even his harshest detractors would have to be that he is guilty of being one of the sport's true all-time greats.

Hulk Hogan didn't just beat the man, he *manhandled* the man, and joined the former man and Buddy Rogers as the only three wrestlers in history to have worn both the WWF and NWA/WCW world championships.

Years after he was written off as a washed-up athlete who used his sporadic wrestling appearances as a means to keep his acting career alive, Hogan turned in the most impressive performance of his fabled career by cleanly pinning Ric Flair, who just eight months earlier had reaffirmed his claim to greatness by beating the seemingly unbeatable Big Van Vader.

"I told you three months ago what I was gonna do," Hogan said as he marched his victorious entourage through the locker room after the match.

Perhaps, but three months earlier, Hogan couldn't have known that in the days leading up to the biggest athletic test of his life, he would have to break training camp to travel 2,500 miles round-trip and be grilled by a prosecutor whose sole intent was to publicly discredit him and ultimately, bring down the man whose marketing genius had created "Hulkamania."

Three days before the Bash at the Beach, Hulk Hogan was called to testify in the Vince McMahon steroids trial.

"When you're a professional athlete," he told me, "you deal with it."

That short response was Hogan's way of telling me he didn't want to discuss the matter. He'll speak all day about beating the odds, beating Flair, and winning his sixth world title, but he's already termed his use of steroids "the only dark cloud on my career." From his

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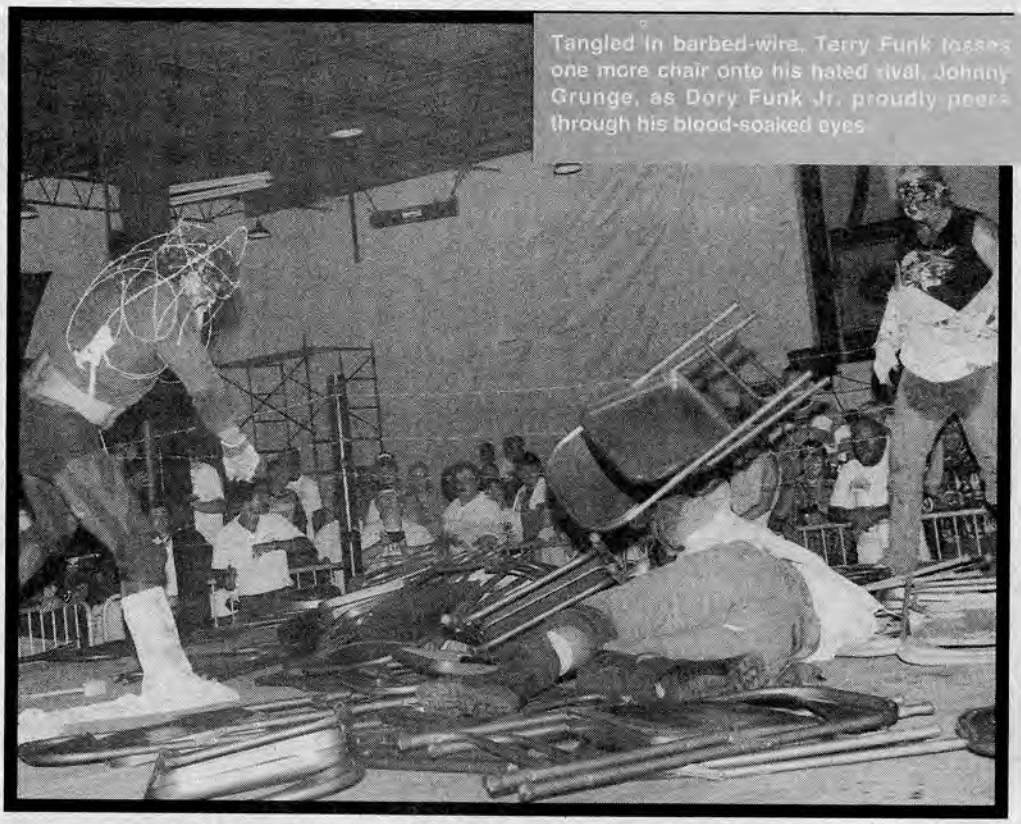
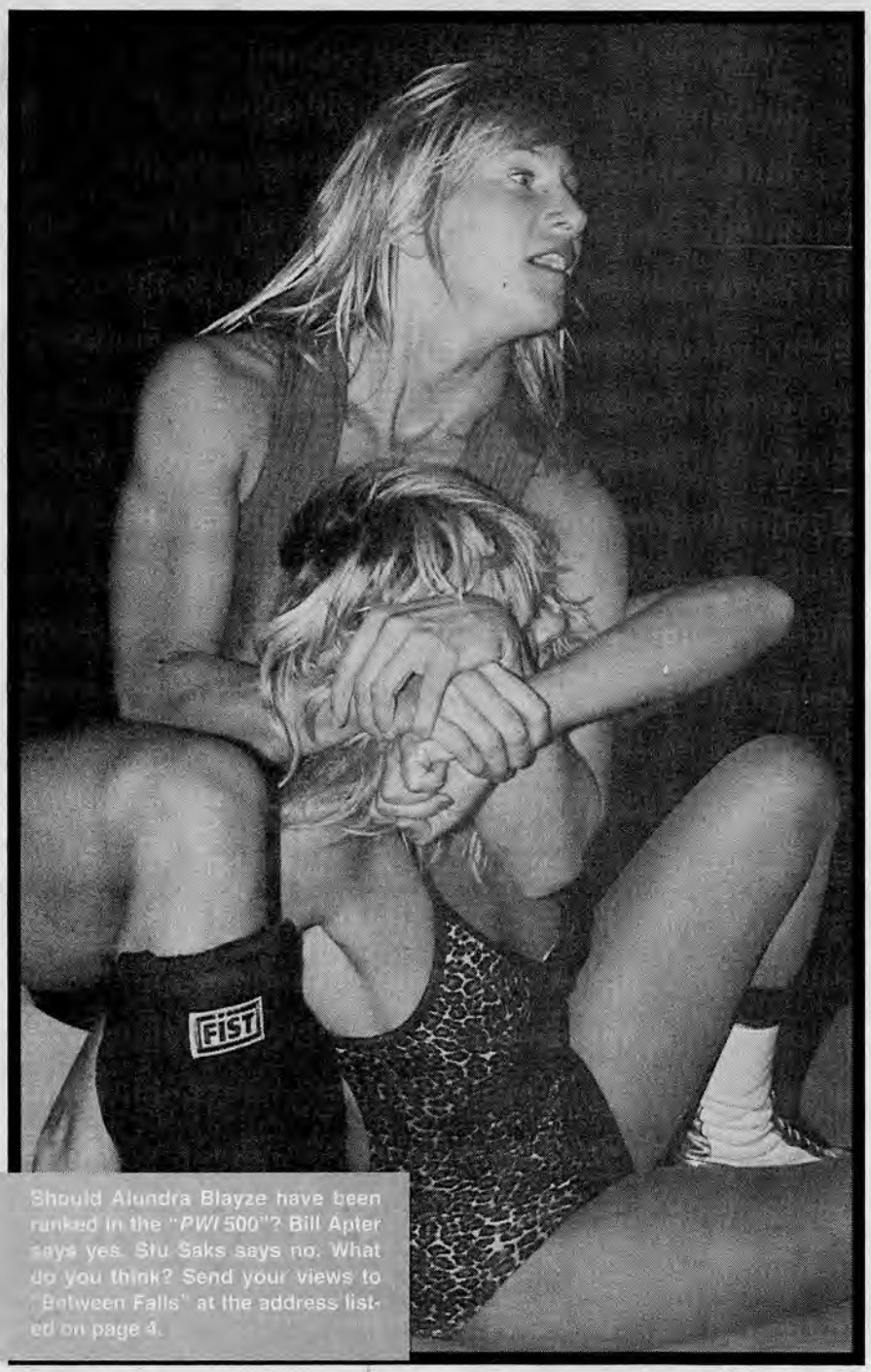
Last issue, I wrote about "wrestling's toughest match: the head vs. the heart," in which I described the two sides of the extreme hardcore wrestling coin: Yes, the matches are fascinating to watch, but these guys are going to kill themselves!



Tangled in barbed-wire, Terry Funk tosses one more chair onto his hated rival, Johnny Grunge, as Dory Funk Jr. proudly peers through his blood-soaked eyes.

At one recent ECW card, *PWI* photographer Jason Ross Lavin (who himself has twice been caught in the crossfire of ECW chair mayhem) returned with a report about a match between Public Enemy and Terry and Dory Funk Jr.

The photo you see here pretty much tells the



Should Alundra Blayze have been ranked in the "*PWI* 500"? Bill Apter says yes. Stu Saks says no. What do you think? Send your views to "Between Falls" at the address listed on page 4.

tale. Public Enemy is somewhere under the pile of steel. Dory is a bloody mess. And oh, yes, it was a barbed-wire match: That's Terry wrapped in barbed-wire on the left. At one point in the bout, *he called for the fans to throw chairs into the ring!*

Yes, it's true. Go ahead, I'll wait while you read that again.

But more than chairs were sailing through the air that night. Also to be found among the rubble: a frying pan and a wooden meat-tenderizing mallet. Yeah, we're talkin' a *hostile* city here! But that's what this town does to fans—and wrestlers, too. Look: Terry's 50, and he's Dory Jr.'s kid brother! If they can get this down and dirty ... well, you should see a young guy like Sabu or Tasmaniac in this town sometime.

But what happens when Funk gets clobbered by a fan throwing a chair? What happens when a fan gets clobbered by a fan throwing a chair? Who's gonna photograph these matches if Jason gets clobbered by a fan throwing a chair? (Hey—Bill Apter has a wife and two kids to think about!)

The T-shirts ECW fans wear proudly proclaim, "It's not for everyone." Indeed. But maybe ECW officials ought to think about having those fans in the most hostile city in the country sign waivers as they enter the building.

Just to be on the—ahem!—*safe* side.

THE "*PWI 500*": A SEXIST CONSPIRACY?!?

Should Alundra Blayze be ranked in the "PWI 500"? What about Heidi Lee Morgan? Or Bull Nakano?

Yes, the list is traditionally called a "ranking of the top 500 *men* in wrestling today." But there is precedent: Last year, Miss Texas became the first woman to be ranked in the "500," edging in at 483.

"Alundra Blayze should definitely be ranked," contends Bill Apter. "Considering her martial arts skills, there are hundreds of men on this list that Alundra could beat with ease. I would say that she should at least be ranked in the neighborhood of 80 or 90 at best, or 120 or 130 at worst."

"The *potential* to beat somebody doesn't count," counters Stu Saks. "Until she actually steps in the ring and beats men who are ranked in the '500'—like Miss Texas did last year [she feuded with Jamie Dundee, who was ranked 485]—she doesn't deserve to be considered for ranking."

Okay, Bill and Stu: Where do we rank Dink? □

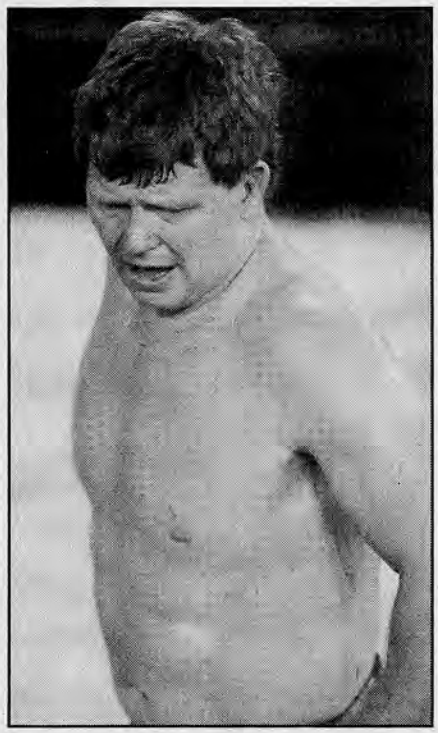
win lose or draw

BY ANDY RODRIGUEZ

THE POSSIBILITY IS intriguing: Bob Backlund as a rulebreaker. After a frustrating loss to WWF World champion Bret Hart in Ocean City, Maryland, Backlund slapped the "Hitman" and put him in a chicken wing. After several referees pried him off Hart, Backlund seemed shocked by his own actions.

Most likely, this was nothing more than one of the good guys losing his temper. On the other hand, it may be remembered as the incident that signaled a change of philosophy for the former WWF World titlist.

Can it be? The label "goody two-shoes" could have been invented to describe the man from Princeton, Minnesota. Throughout a World title reign that lasted nearly six years, Backlund conducted himself in a exemplary manner. Sure, he broke some rules, but only when the situation left him absolutely no choice.



The exasperation shows on his face as Bob Backlund has failed to reach his goals following his long layoff from the sport. Might he be contemplating desperate measures? There are dangerous indications that the answer is yes.

Back then, Backlund was a champion in every way. Today, he is seeking to establish himself in a sport that must seem very strange to him. Ten years ago, Backlund said he wouldn't stay in the WWF if he "had to dye his hair purple," meaning he wouldn't change his ways to adapt to a sport where gimmickry was becoming more important than skills. Six months after losing the belt to The Iron Sheik he was gone.

A few years ago he surprised nearly everyone by returning to the WWF. He was called the "George Foreman" of wrestling, but that didn't fit, not in a sport where men regularly wrestle into their 50s. Backlund was back because he loves the competition.

He has not come close to a second World championship, and as much as he enjoys competing for the sake of competition, that is his real goal. He still is one of the sport's great technicians, but he finds himself outclassed by younger, stronger opponents. Like Bret Hart.

Hart tells foes as well as friends that he admires Backlund, that Backlund has served as an inspiration to him. He tells him he doesn't enjoy wrestling Backlund, because he doesn't like beating him.

One would not expect such comments from Backlund, and one has never heard them. As much as Backlund despised men like Superstar Billy Graham and Jesse Ventura, he expressed admiration for their abilities. When he denigrated them, it was because they deserved it.

When Backlund sees Hulk Hogan face Ric Flair for the WCW World title, he sees two men he knows he can defeat. He says nothing, partly because he thinks less of the WCW belt than the WWF version. Partly, too, because he realizes Hogan and Flair are where they deserve to be. Backlund has accomplished a lot, but he knows he hasn't done enough recently to warrant a main-event match on a pay-per-view card.

In tag team wrestling, too, the opportunities are there. For a short time, Backlund was a WWF World tag champion. He and Pedro Morales beat The Samoans, but Backlund had to give up the belt because he was World singles champion at the time. For Backlund, that victory remains a source of pride. Hulk Hogan, he tells friends, has never won a world tag title.

However, the dream of a second singles championship remains, so don't look for Backlund to go fishing for tag team partners. Besides, how many men on the scene would be able to meet Backlund's standards?

It is singles glory of which Backlund thinks. He also thinks often about Hogan. Injury prevented Backlund from a rematch

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TAKE US ON!

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7. ASIAN SPIKE
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9. BITING
10. BODY SLAM
11. BODY TACKLE
12. CHICKEN WING
13. CHOKE
14. CLAW
15. CLOTHESLINE
16. CROSS BODY BLOCK
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18. DROP KICK
19. EAGLE SPLIT
20. ELBOW SMASH
21. EYE GOUGE
22. FACE RAKE
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25. FLYING CLOTHESLINE
26. FLYING DROP KICK
27. FLYING ELBOW DROP
28. FLYING HEAD BUTT
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30. FOREARM SMASH
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33. GIANT SWING
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the steel cage

By Chris Bernucca

ALWAYS THE MAN. Perhaps Ric Flair's greatest quality is holding court. The visuals were all the same. The finger was pointing, the neck veins were bulging, and the mouth was roaring. Only the words themselves let visitors know that they were in the losing locker room at Orlando Arena.

Flair had just lost the WCW title to Hulk Hogan. He did not look good in doing it. He looked old, and tired, and beaten. He did not look like the greatest wrestler of all-time. He looked like a man who had stayed in the sport one match too many. Now, faced by the media, he was putting up the battle that would have been put to better use against Hogan.

"Don't count out Ric Flair!" he screamed. "The referee counted me out tonight, but don't you make the same mistake. You can tell Hogan that, too. This is far from over. It's just beginning!"

You wanted to believe him. You wanted to believe that Ric Flair has another miracle left in a 44-year-old body that has survived a plane crash and about 17 million wrestling matches, many of them against men who are too big to fly coach. You wanted to believe, like all the other times he has opened his mouth, that when Ric Flair said something, he meant it.

Like three years ago, when he left WCW following a contract dispute. Flair went to the WWF, where Hogan was champion. For a decade, Flair had been champion of the South and Hogan had been champion of the North. Only Buddy Rogers had won titles in both groups, and that was 30 years ago, before pay-per-view events and foam rubber souvenirs and video games had drawn a Mason-Dixon line across the sport. Pat Buchanan joining the Democrats would have caused less of a stir.

Flair came into the WWF with the subtlety of a garbage truck. The finger pointed, the veins bulged, the mouth roared. He talked about Hogan as if he were Dusty Wolfe. He told Hogan and Vince McMahon and anyone else who bothered to listen that he would win the title. And he did. Twice. Hogan didn't stick around for the party. He went off to do a movie.

Last year, Flair returned to the South and found that he still owned

Flair clamps on his figure-four leglock, forcing Hogan to cry out in agony (above). Hogan, however, manages to get to the ropes, forcing a break, and immediately puts Flair in a position in which he has to beg for mercy (opposite page). He'd find none.

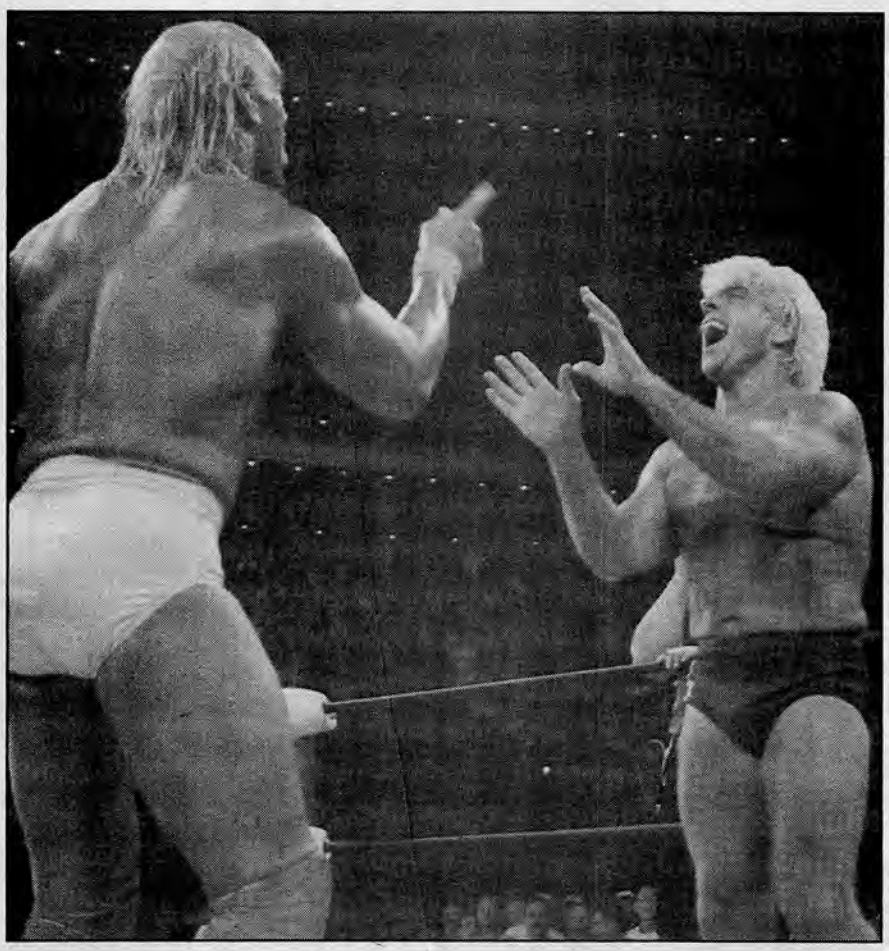
it. He was talking again. He promised the fans that he would win another title, and he did. Then when some historians decided that the title Flair won wasn't good enough, he promised to win another one. He even staked his career on it.

Wrestling is full of shallow promises. Good guys wake up one morning and decide they want to be bad guys. Other guys are forced to leave town and come back under masks. We'll never know if Flair meant what he said when he agreed to retire if he lost, because he won. He won another title, this one against Big Van Vader in his hometown of Charlotte.

But Charlotte isn't Orlando, which used to be in the South but now is in the East. Orlando is home to theme parks like Disney World and Universal Studios. It is also home to Shaquille O'Neal, who is quickly becoming his own theme park. But Orlando is not home to anyone else. Nobody lives there. People from Boston and New York and Philadelphia just pass through, as if it were just some giant toll booth.

"Could you believe the fans tonight?" Flair wondered aloud. "I'd never thought I'd see the day in WCW when Ric Flair was booed and Hulk Hogan was cheered. I thought I was back in Madison Square Garden in the WWF!"

Orlando is a city made for Hogan. It has cartoon characters and cameras and spotlights and everything is larger than life. And when Hogan came to the ring at the Orlando Arena, he was accompanied by Shaquille O'Neal. The entrance music was blaring and Hogan paraded around the ring, whipping the crowd into a frenzy, before tearing off his T-shirt. The place went wild, and right then you knew Ric Flair didn't have a chance.



For the next 15 minutes, it was Flair who looked like the wrestler who hadn't been in the ring in a year. It was Flair who looked like he had been pursuing an acting career. It was Flair whose body lurched and whose muscles sagged. Hogan even added the ultimate insult, placing Flair in the figure-four that his opponent has used to win so many of these types of matches. For a second, Sugar Ray Leonard was embarrassing Roberto Duran with a bolo punch in New Orleans.

And now it was over, except for all the talking. The talk about retirement, which had been a major topic that night in Charlotte, was starting once again. One reporter was actually both brave and dumb enough to ask aloud what all of us were thinking. The finger pointed, the veins bulged, and the mouth roared. Again.

"No, I'm not retiring!" Flair's voice had become hoarse and strained. "That's the furthest thing from my mind! What I want is a rematch. I'll wrestle him again right now. Vader gave me a title shot and I beat him. I gave him a rematch and I beat him. Now Hogan's beaten me, and I want a rematch. I don't want to hear anything about prior commitments and TV schedules, either. If Hogan is a man, he'll give me a rematch. He's been around long enough to know that's how it works in this sport."

Ric Flair has been around a long time, too. Perhaps too long. But certainly long enough to know that to be the man, you've got to beat the man. □

off the top rope

by Eddie Ellner

If you wish to contribute to Ellner's mailbag, send your letters to:

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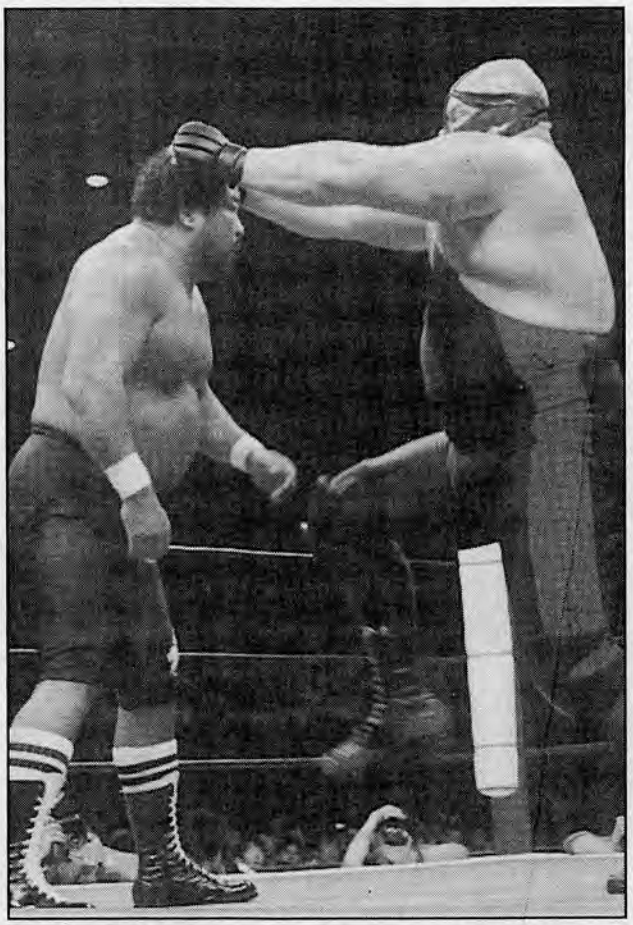
(Editor's note: The opinions expressed in this column are those of the letter writers and Eddie Ellner himself. They do not necessarily reflect the editorial views of this magazine.)

HULK HOGAN. DARRYL Strawberry. Unfair comparison? Perhaps, but the timing of their comebacks makes it a hard comparison to resist. A change in venue sometimes creates the illusion of a change in character. Will the WCW Hogan be anything but the brashmouthed, balding brandisher of Hulk-a-speak he was in the WWF? Will time prove a San Francisco Strawberry just as petulant and moody as he was in New York and Los Angeles?

There is practicaly no ceiling on our capacity to forgive athletes their indiscretions (unless your zip code is in Colombia). Maybe their respective personal battles have strengthened Hogan and Strawberry. Perhaps it's a humble Hogan that Ric Flair will encounter. Perhaps Strawberry will appreciate how special it is to be born with the casual ability to swat speeding balls 450 feet away. Perhaps O.J. Simpson is innocent. Perhaps an intelligent letter will pass this desk.

Only one thing is certain—we can always hope.



Big Van Vader frequently wrestles in Japan, but a reader contends and Ellner agrees that the shortsightedness of American promoters may eventually force the super heavyweight across the Pacific for good.

Dear Eddie,

There are only three men in the world who can stand toe-to-toe with Big Van Vader: Steve Williams, Terry Gordy, and one of your favorites, Stan Hansen. Except for Vader, all make their professional homes in Japan. Now that Flair stole Vader's title, Vader will most likely join the other three overseas. Why don't American promoters and idiotic fans appreciate the talents of these men? Why do we drive them halfway around the world so others get the benefit of their great skills?

CHRIS LOWE
Bentleyville, PA

Dear Chris,

The athletes you list are the last of a dying breed. They refuse to kowtow to bureaucratic attempts to "civilize" them. They will not sign long-term contracts indenturing them to promoters' greed and selfishness. As a result, they will never receive the types of high-profile matches their skills deserve. It is a form of collusion that hopefully one day will be successfully litigated on all the wrestlers' behalf. I hope that day comes soon.

Dear Eddie,

I'm tired of all the morons writing to you. I wonder why other fans, like myself, don't write you. I was wondering who you're going to make fun of next, now that Andre and Dusty Rhodes no longer compete in the squared circle. I would like to know where I can go in the state of Virginia to see the matches. Anything you can do for me will be fine. Thanks so much for having the best column in PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED.

KEVIN FEATHERSTONE
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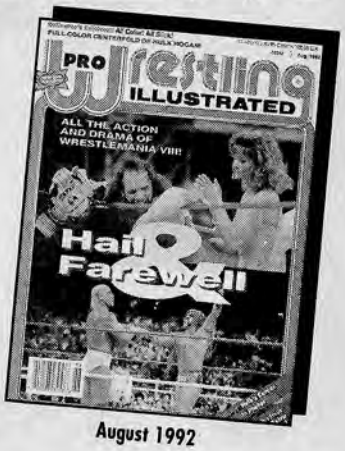

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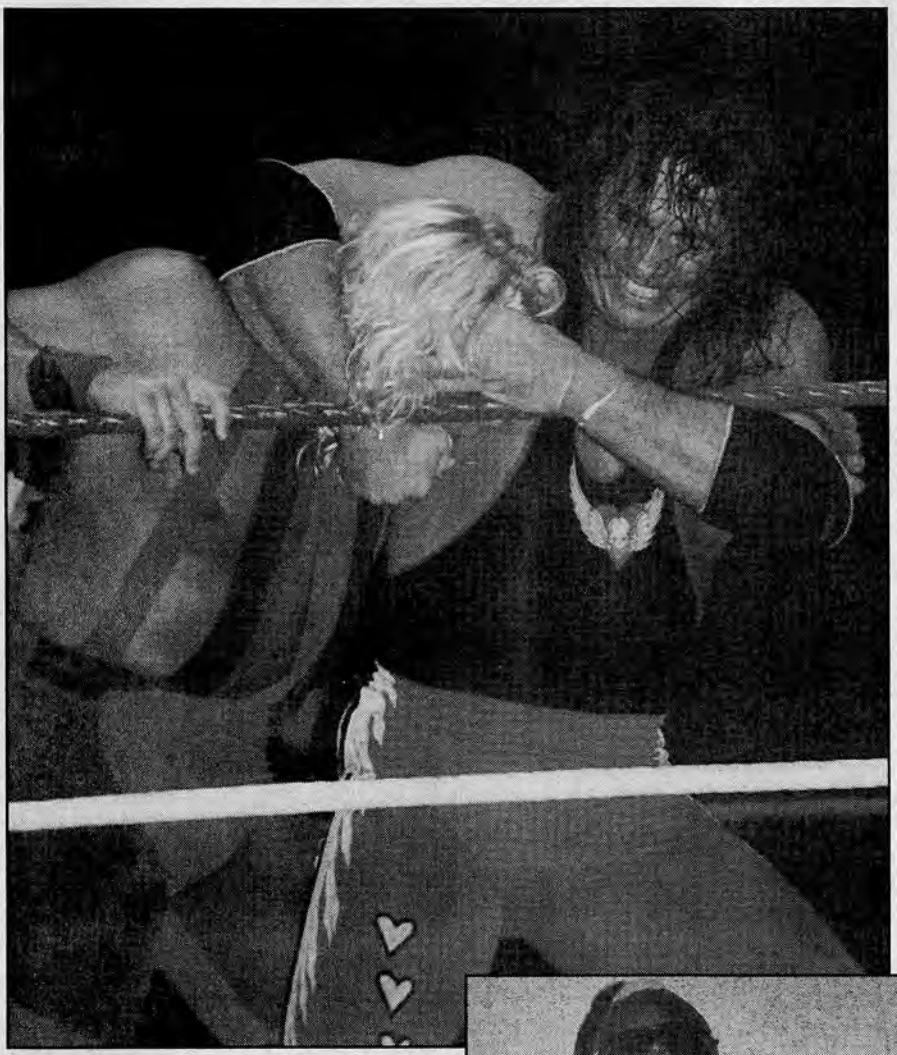


Can Bret Hart fill Hulk Hogan's shoes? Perhaps, but Ellner isn't certain why the "Hitman" should even try.

Dear Kevin,

Who but a devoted fan would provide "Top Rope" with so many straight lines. As a courtesy, I will resist the impulse to give you the public skewering you beg for.

Dear Eddie,

Will Bret Hart ever be able to fill Hulk Hogan's shoes?

PETER M. MUNEZ JR.
Oxnard, CA

Dear Junior,

Filling Hogan's shoes is a thankless task that will bring Hart anxiety, frustration, and ringworm.

Dear Eddie,

The media has been suggesting for a while that Ric Flair should retire. Now that he just finished his 10th title reign, I think he should be shown more respect from your columnists.

DEREK JONES
Somerdale, NJ

Dear Derek,

Ric Flair exists outside our jurisdiction. The only thing an honest columnist can do is to report the facts as they happen and try to make sense of them.

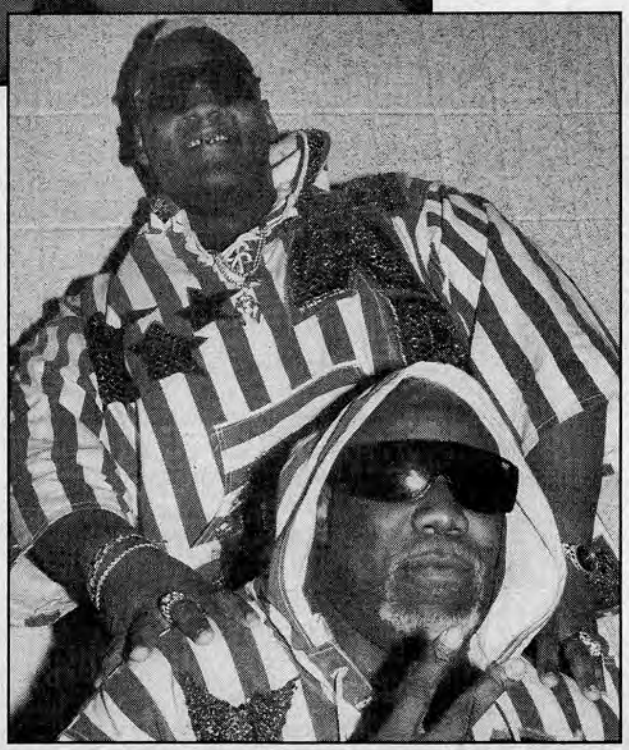
Dear Eddie,

I was wondering what you think of Men on a Mission?

LEWIS RACH
Gig Harbor, WA

Dear Lewis,

Does my opinion of Men on a Mission To Die of Artery Hardening really intrigue you? Why? Of what use can that be to your daily life? □



For the life of him, Ellner cannot understand why one of his readers would want to know his opinion of Men on a Mission.

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"SEE, I TOLD YOU I'M REALLY, REALLY GOOD!"

Winning a PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED year-end award is something to be proud of, and Barry Windham was thrilled when he learned that fans had voted him Most Improved Wrestler of the Year for 1982. He was even more thrilled when three lovely ladies asked him to tell them all about it outside a motel in Tampa. "Those guys at *PWI* actually made a mistake," Windham tried to tell them. "I was really the Wrestler of the Year." The women weren't buying that story, but they loved talking to him and admiring the plaque just the same.

"WHAT KIND OF A QUESTION IS THAT?!"

The late "Crybaby" George Cannon had a reputation for being a very emotional man. In fact, he was known to actually break down and start wailing in the middle of matches when he was taking a terrible beating. On this night in Tampa, Florida, in 1975, however, it was our own Senior Editor Bill Apter who was doing the crying. Cannon did his best to choke the life out of Apter when he asked what "Crybaby" thought was an inappropriate question. Luckily for Apter, referee Tommy Young later heard his screams and came to his rescue.

"WAIT A MINUTE— IT'S OUR OPPONENTS WHO ARE YELLA!"

Louie Tillet (right) and his brother Jean loved to celebrate their big victories in style, but they never got that chance on this night in Houston in 1966. After they won a grueling, but controversial bout, an angry fan doused the Tillets with a bucket of yellow paint. "That bum called us a couple of cowards," barked Louie, who won many titles throughout the South and in California during his career. "That's a lie. There's no one tougher than the Tillet brothers." That fan was never found.

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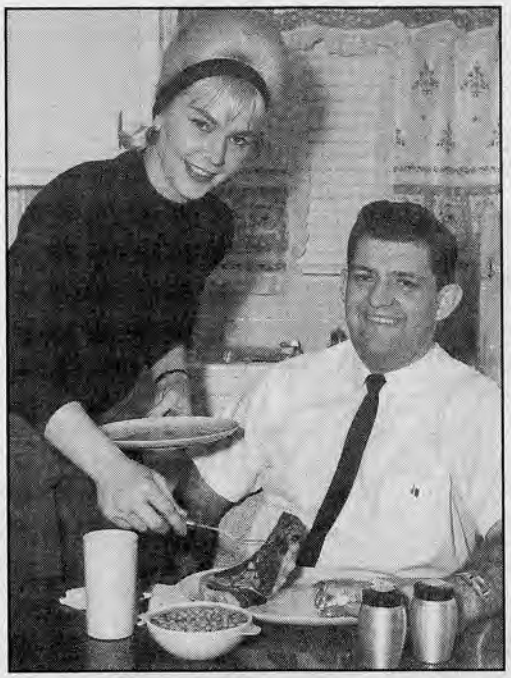
"THOSE ARTISTS ARE A STRANGE BREED"

To be a great aerial wrestler, you must have exceptional balance. The late Argentina Apollo was one of the premier high-flyers of the 1960s. He was also an accomplished artist and demonstrated that it sometimes took a little balance to make a beautiful sketch. "It's a great challenge to try to draw while I am upside down," Apollo once said. "It is a good way to keep my body limber at the same time."

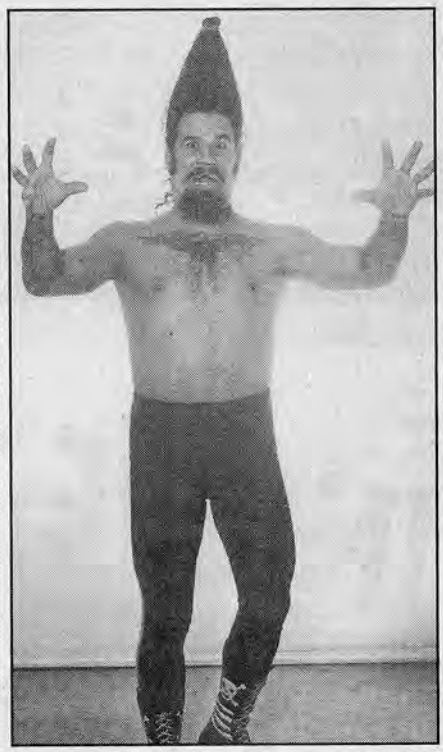


"HONEY, DON'T YOU KNOW RED MEAT IS BAD FOR YOU?"

Most wrestlers agree it's important to get a lot of protein in their diet while training for big matches, but even the great Johnny Weaver couldn't believe it when his wife, former AWA Women's champ Penny Banner, served him a raw steak back in 1963. "I like my steak rare, but that was ridiculous," Weaver recalled. "But I found out a long time ago that it wasn't smart to argue with Penny. She's as tough as any man I ever faced." Weaver and Banner are still happily married today.

"DOWN ON THE FARM WITH THE CHIEF"

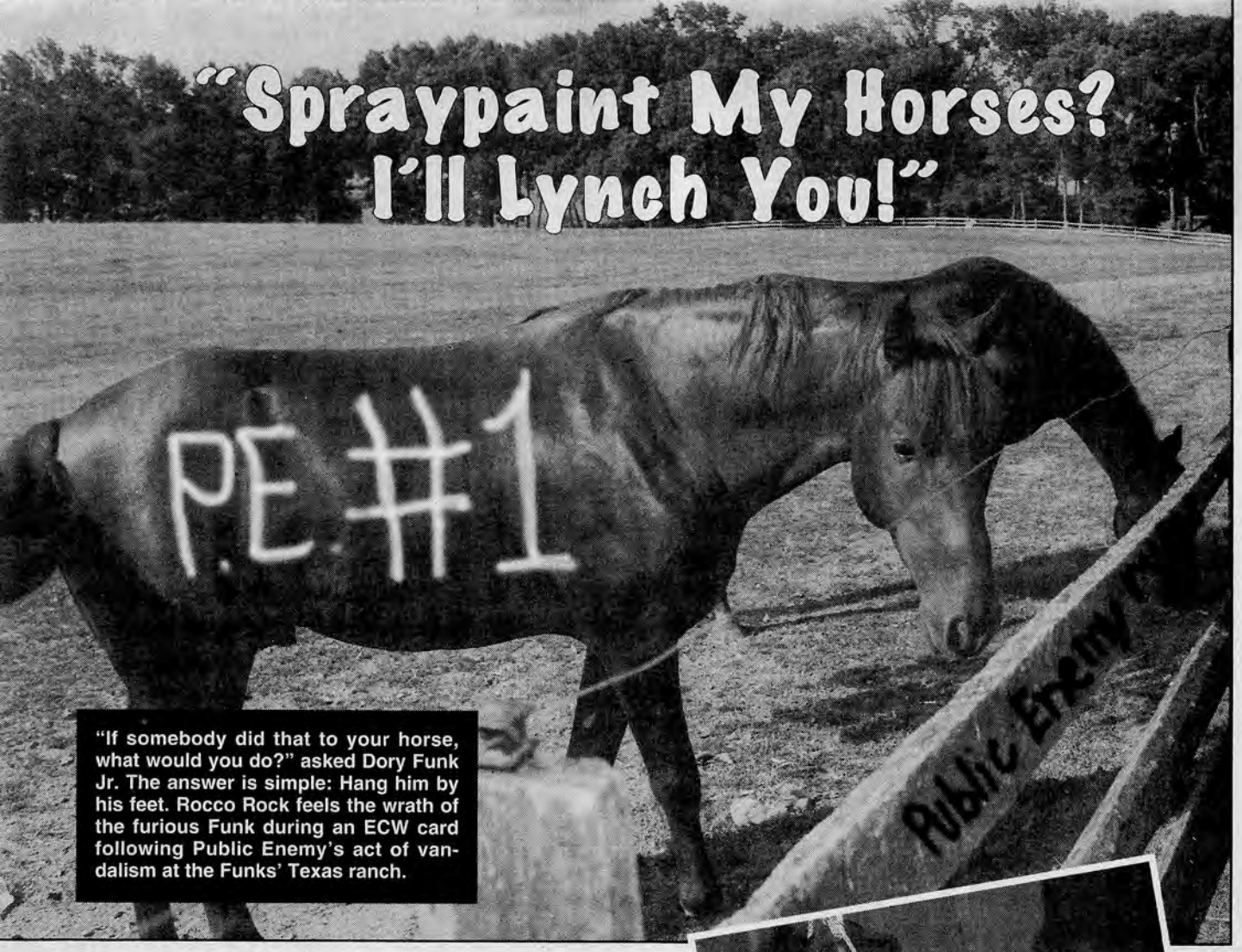
Inside the squared circle, Chief Jay Strongbow was as rugged as they came. Opponents usually paid a very high price when the Chief got on the warpath after them. Away from the ring, he was a different person. Back in 1969, there was nothing he liked better than relaxing on his farm in Griffin, Georgia, with his wife, Mary Lee (whom he affectionately calls "Midget"), and his son Mark. "It was so peaceful on the farm," Strongbow once said. "I could just go off and ride one of my horses and get ready for my next big match."



"HE MUST HAVE LOVED THOSE BEEHIVE HAIRDOS"

Just the sight of Pancho Valdez scared some people so much that it made their hair stand up on end. Heck, he was crazy enough to make his own hair stand on end—with a little help from a rubber band. Despite being only 5'11" and 217 pounds, Valdez was quite intimidating and would do anything to win. "When people saw Pancho Valdez, they were afraid," he said. "They knew when they fought me, I could end their career if I wanted to!" Unfortunately, Pancho's bizarre hairstyle never became fashionable and he abandoned it.

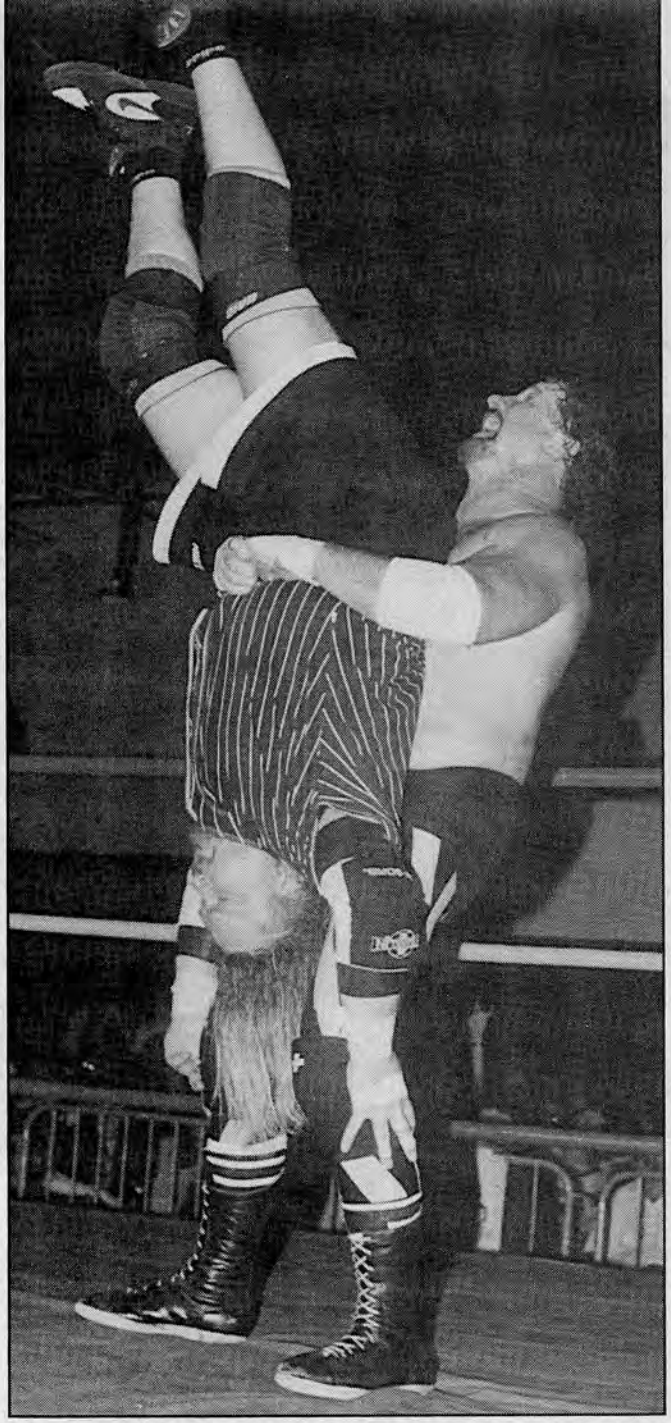
"Spraypaint My Horses? I'll Lynch You!"



"If somebody did that to your horse, what would you do?" asked Dory Funk Jr. The answer is simple: Hang him by his feet. Rocco Rock feels the wrath of the furious Funk during an ECW card following Public Enemy's act of vandalism at the Funks' Texas ranch.

INSIDE THE PUBLIC ENEMY-FUNK WAR!

Public Enemy thought they'd really scored one on the Funks when they traveled down to Texas and vandalized Dory and Terry's magnificent ranch. All they did was give themselves a good laugh—and the chance to receive further beatings from the most ornery duo in the sport!



Terry Funk, whose career has undergone a tremendous resurgence at the age of 50, piledrives Johnny Grunge.

Photos by Jason Ross Lavin

By Andy Rodriguez

ROCCO ROCK AND Johnny Grunge call themselves Public Enemy, but for now they are enemies not to the entire public, but only to two men: Dory and Terry Funk.

"I hate the Funks!" Rock screamed. "Always have, always will. When I was a kid I always used to watch them on TV, bragging about what big deals they were, being from Texas and all. I always knew what a crock that was! That's why I'm having such a great time now making them look like idiots!"

"Yeah, I agree!" groaned Grunge. "Terry and Dory Funk aren't legends, they're a couple of old men who should've retired about 10 years ago. How in the world could me and my partner be afraid of two old men? There's no way. There's just no way!"

Rock and Grunge are tough-

Rock and Dory duel with steel chairs as Grunge and Terry tangle beneath them on the mat (left). Finally, Dory tosses his weapon at Rock, catching him flush on the side of his head (below).

talking. They should be. They are the tag team champions of ECW, one of the toughest federations around. They are feared and despised and they're proud of it. When they targeted the Funks, nearly every close observer of ECW realized Terry and Dory were in trouble.

Try telling Terry and Dory they're in trouble.

"Those boys are tough all right," Terry said, just before spitting a gob of chewing tobacco against the locker. "I knew that before this whole thing started. But there are a lot of tough guys in this business. A lot of them have come after me and my brother. Most of them are gone, but Dory and I are still here. What does that tell you?"

"What it tells them," Dory interjected, "is that you don't mess with the Funks. People try all the time, but in the end there's always a Funk left standing. That's how it was when they fought our daddy, Dory Sr., and that's how it is today. These Public Enemy boys are the latest to try. Like I said, they're destined to fail."

Grunge and Rock hear the Funks, but they aren't listening. They are more than unimpressed; they are disrespectful.

How disrespectful? Let them tell you.

Grunge: A couple of weeks ago me and Rocco were just hanging around, kicking ducks in the park.

Rock: Then I had this idea. I said to Johnny, 'You know, these Funks. We have to do something. We really have to strike a blow at these S.O.Bs, get their attention, show them we're serious.'

Grunge: I said he was right. We thought for a few minutes what we could do, then I said, 'How about that ranch they got down in Texas? Why don't we go down and mess it up? Just wreck the place totally.'

Rock: That was all I had to hear. We found out the ranch was in some town called Amarillo, which is Spanish for 'yellow.' Figures the Funks would live there. Me and Johnny took the bus down—we don't fly—and asked around about the Funks. Told people we were fans and we wanted to see where our idols lived. Yeah, right.

Grunge: Sure enough, we find the place. They call it the Double-Cross Ranch. Who knows why and who cares? It's huge, coupla hundred acres. We saw some people working there, but we don't even know if the Funks were around. Not that it mattered to us. We were in a partying mood.

Rock: We started trashing the place. Smashed up the fences. Took the branding iron and put a few more marks on the cattle. We even spraypainted the horses! It was great! Any of those ranch hands tried to get in the way, we just flicked them aside.

Grunge: After a few hours, the fun went out of it, so we took off. Just hopped on the bus back to Philly. We high-fived each other all the way back. Man, that was some day!

Terry Funk said that when he and Dory saw the damage, they were infuriated, until they discovered the identity of the perpetrators.

"One of the hands described them to us and we knew right away it was Public Enemy," said Funk. "We also decided right then that we weren't going to press charges against those boys. No judge or jury was going to punish them; me and Dory would punish them, in the ring."

"Old-fashioned Texas justice is what we call it," Dory said. "Heck, they had a good laugh at our expense. Let them enjoy it. It'll be the last thing they enjoy for a good, long while. Those goons will see a lot more than their belts disappear. They'll be saying *adios* to their careers."

For now, the careers of Rock and Grunge are going strong, just barely. They wanted a fight, and they got a war, a war so vicious that during one amazing match, Terry hanged Rock from a balcony!

"I've never seen Terry so worked up, not even against me," said Eddie Gilbert, a longtime Funk foe. "These Public Enemy guys have gotten under the Funks' skin in a way I've never seen.

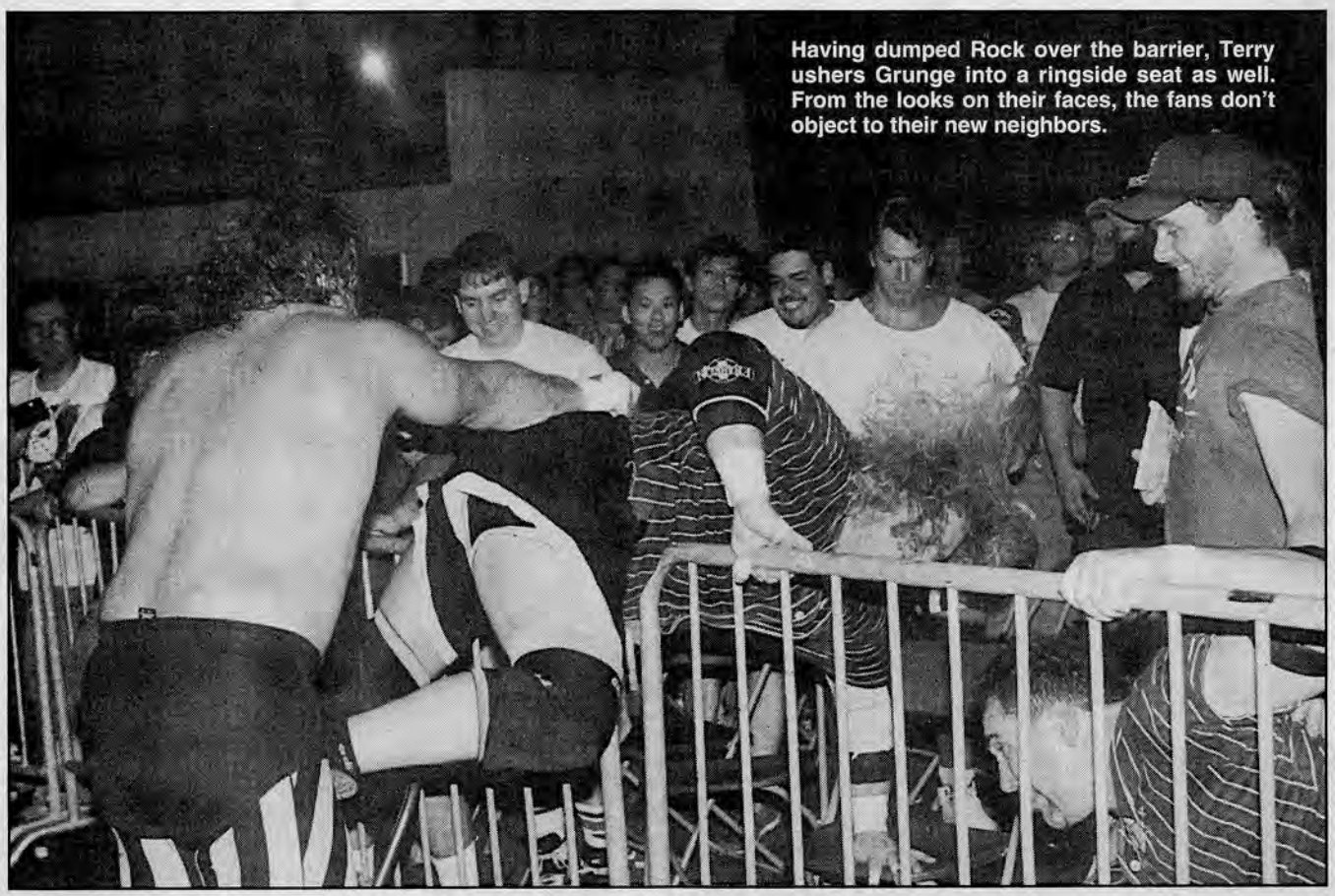
"It seems the older the Funks get," Gilbert continued, "the more determined they are to prove they're not washed-up. Damn, they've made believers out of me! Rock and Grunge better wake up."

As Grunge might say: Yeah, right!

"Hey, look at the results!" Rock demanded. "Who's got the title? The Funks? No, Public Enemy does! We're the best, man! That's why we could get away with trashing that ranch. And maybe we have something planned that'll be even worse. Funk could hang me, but I'm bad enough to take it! Him and his brother haven't come close to seeing the worst Public Enemy can do!"

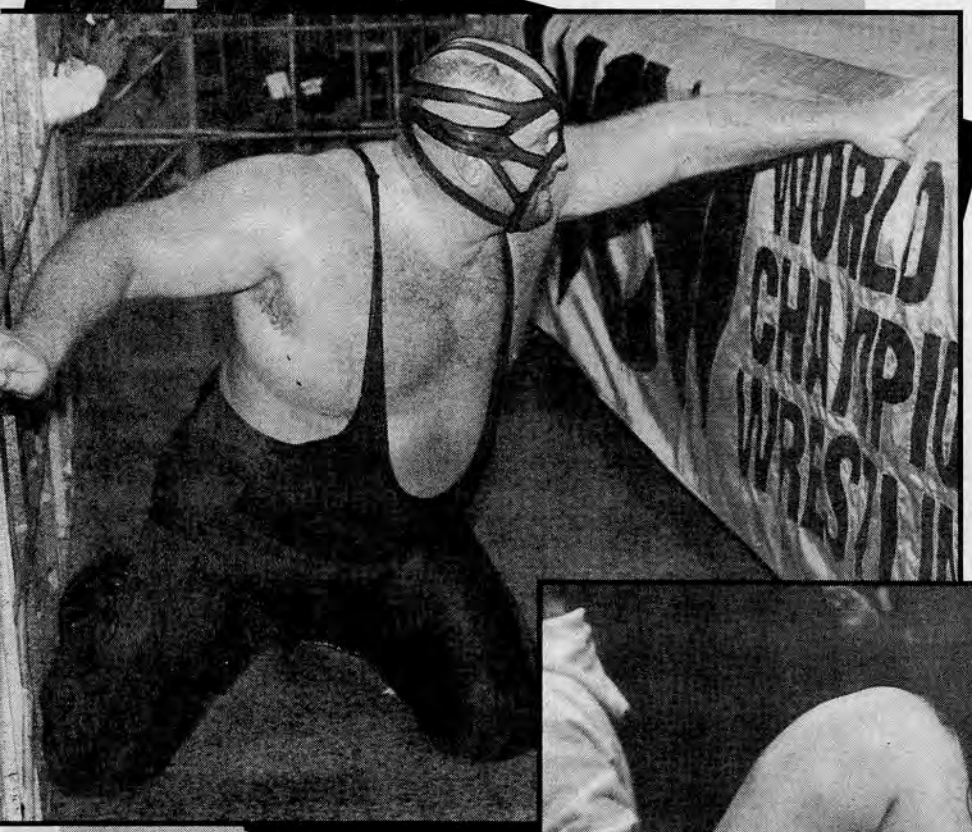
True, but Public Enemy still hasn't seen the worst of the Funks.

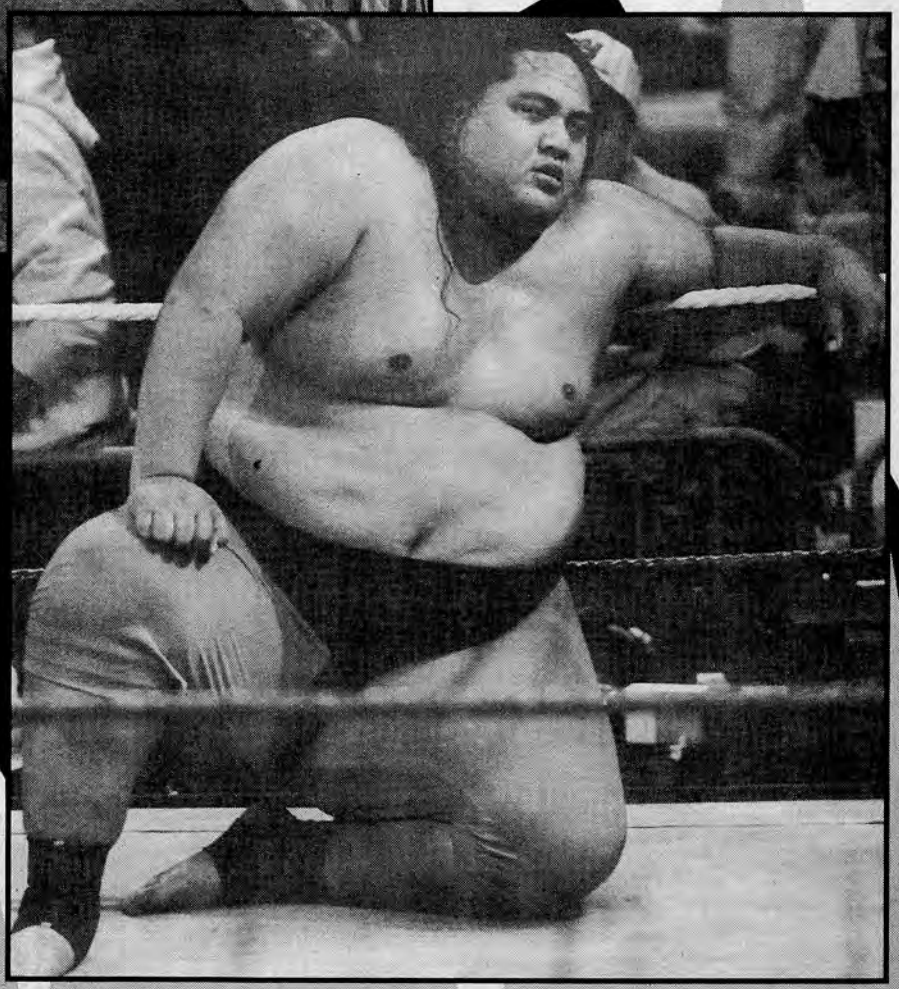
Said Terry: "They better pray they don't." □



Having dumped Rock over the barrier, Terry ushers Grunge into a ringside seat as well. From the looks on their faces, the fans don't object to their new neighbors.

WHY **BIG VAN VADER** & **YOKOZUNA** WILL **NEVER RETURN** TO THE **TOP**

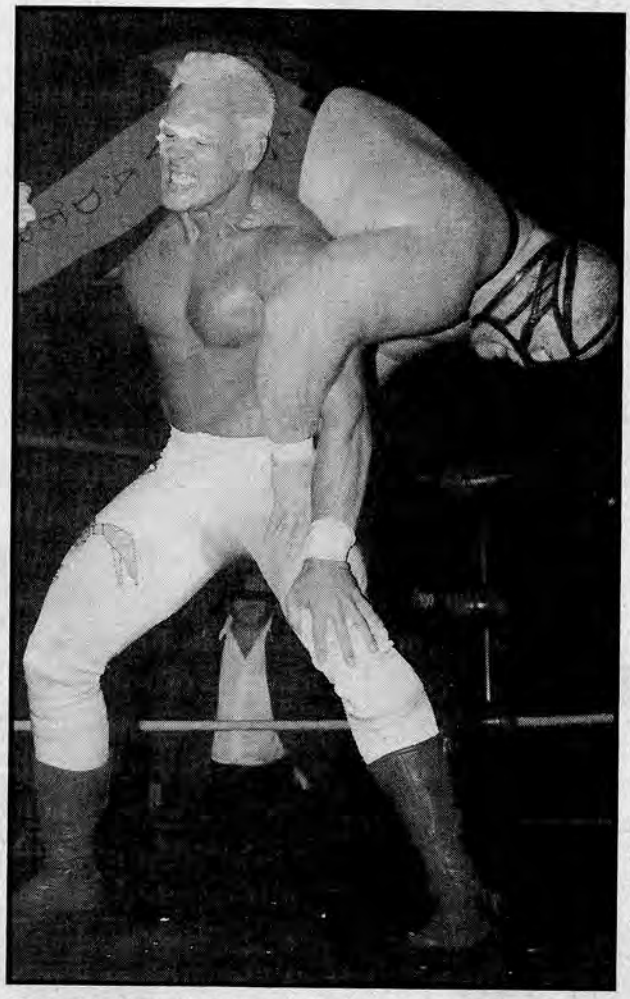




Think bigger is better? Think again. Or just ask Big Van Vader and Yokozuna, former champions who now total more than 1,000 pounds of contender, with no foreseeable change in the near future

By Chris Bernucca

DID YOU VIDEOTAPE Big Van Vader's loss to Ric Flair at Starrcade? Do you remember Yokozuna's defeat at the hands of Bret Hart at WrestleMania X? Good, because that is probably the last you will see of these oversized men as champions.



Many wrestlers use tapes of the Sting-Vader feud as a textbook study in exploiting the big man's weaknesses. Perhaps Vader would be wise to study those tapes to learn how to minimize his own shortcomings.

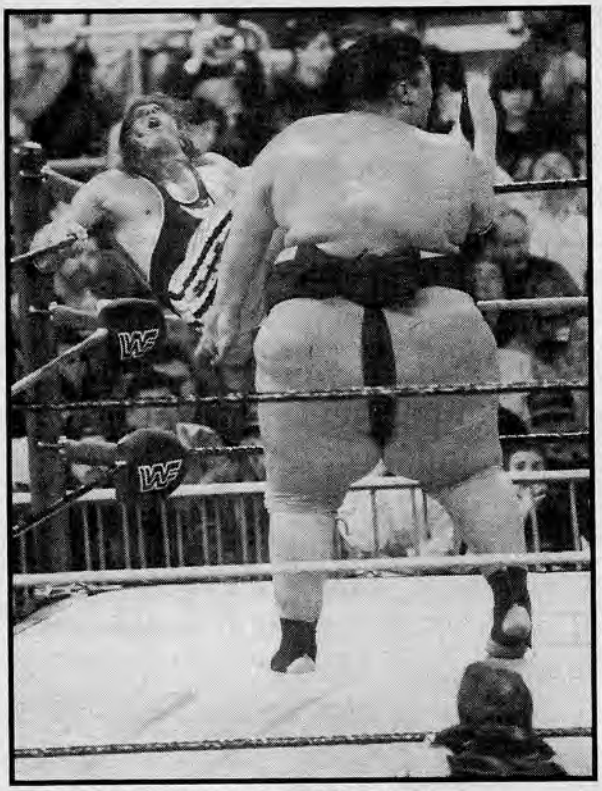
Big Van Vader and Yokozuna both dominated their respective federations with their awesome size. Vader, a former All-America offensive lineman who stands 6'5" and weighs 450 pounds, ruled WCW for nearly all of 1993. Yokozuna, a former sumo master whose measurements are 6'4" and 568 pounds, overpowered the WWF for more than a year, holding the championship belt twice.

But awesome size may not be enough anymore for Vader and Yokozuna. Despite their strength, both have glaring weaknesses that were exposed in their title losses. For Vader, it was a lack of speed and guile. For Yokozuna, it was a dearth of stamina and quickness. And without those elements, they may never get back to the top.

"Yokozuna certainly isn't quick, but that's to be expected from a wrestler who weighs 500 pounds," said WWF expert Thomas Pilliard. "But when that is coupled with his absence of stamina, he becomes very beatable. It's no secret that Yokozuna favors quicker matches, because the longer a match goes on, the more of an advantage his opponent has. If you can avoid him and tire him out, you have him where you want him—weakened and easy to topple."

In each of his WrestleMania matches against Yokozuna, Hart used those tactics to perfection, tiring his opponent and putting him on the verge of submission. At WrestleMania IX, a handful of salt from Mr. Fuji saved Yokozuna. The big man had no such luck earlier this year, and Hart regained the title.

But Hart did more than win back the belt. He destroyed Yokozuna's aura of power. Hart demonstrated to



When Yokozuna has the upper hand and is able to utilize his weight and strength, he is awesome. Put him on the defensive or extend the match past the 10-minute mark and he has difficulty.

the federation's smaller wrestlers that the bigger they are, the harder they fall.

"I was never that impressed with Yokozuna to begin with," said Jim "Hacksaw" Duggan, who had had his ups and downs against the Samoan sumo master when he was a regular competitor in the WWF. "He's big, real big, but that's all. What does he have, other than that? A 'banzai' splash? He doesn't have any real wrestling skills."

That may be true of Yokozuna, but the same cannot be said of Vader. He developed and honed his ring skills in Japan, where the emphasis is on scientific wrestling and size alone does not make anyone a champion. He brought those skills with him to WCW and surprised many foes who thought he was just another behemoth.

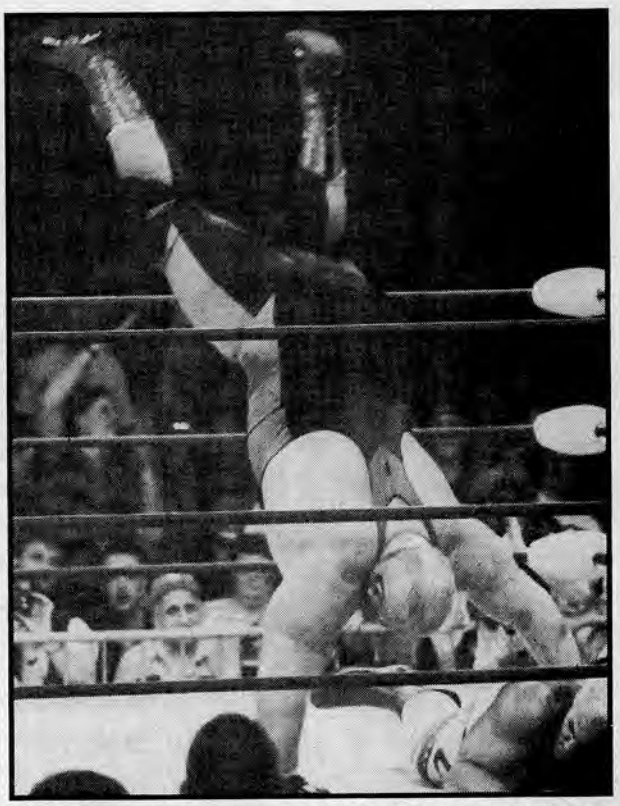
"As much as I hate to admit it, Vader is one of the better technical wrestlers in our federation," said Sting, who has won and lost the title to Vader. "He does things in the ring that are difficult for any wrestler, let alone one who weighs 400 pounds. But he has shortcomings. He is not a good tactical wrestler, and he does not recognize his weaknesses and try to work away from them."

Vader has added a much-ballyhooed moonsault to his repertoire. While it is a sight to behold coming from a man of his size, it is not his most effective weapon and often gets him in trouble, as it did against Sting in the championship of the European Cup tournament.

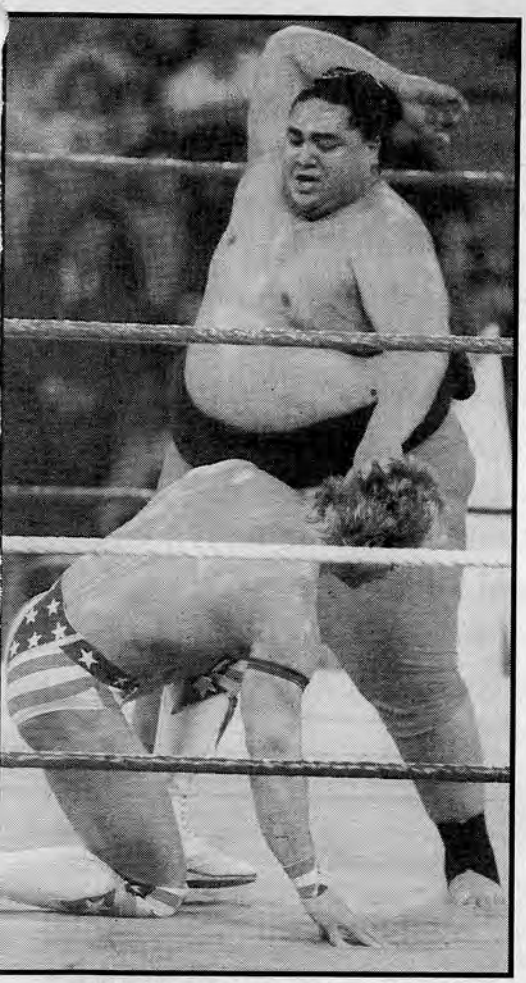
Perhaps Vader added the moonsault because he saw that what he had wasn't enough to keep him on top. But his insistence on deploying the maneuver in nearly every match has created a rift between him and his manager. Harley Race would like to see Vader wrestle more to his strengths, which are his size and raw power and his ability to absorb pain, while avoiding the showy stuff normally seen from smaller, quicker wrestlers.

"He's beaten Sting and Flair without the moonsault," Race observed. "I don't know why he thinks he needs it to beat them now. He's the most awesome specimen in the sport

Mr. Fuji saved Yokozuna last year at WrestleMania IX by throwing a handful of salt in Bret Hart's eyes, but wrestlers are now much more careful to keep away from the wily manager.



Vader's use of the moonsault has been a point of contention between the wrestler and manager Harley Race. Race, a seven-time world titlist, wants Vader to play to his strengths, not show off his athleticism.



Yokozuna fares best against wrestlers like Lex Luger, who will try battle him on his own terms.

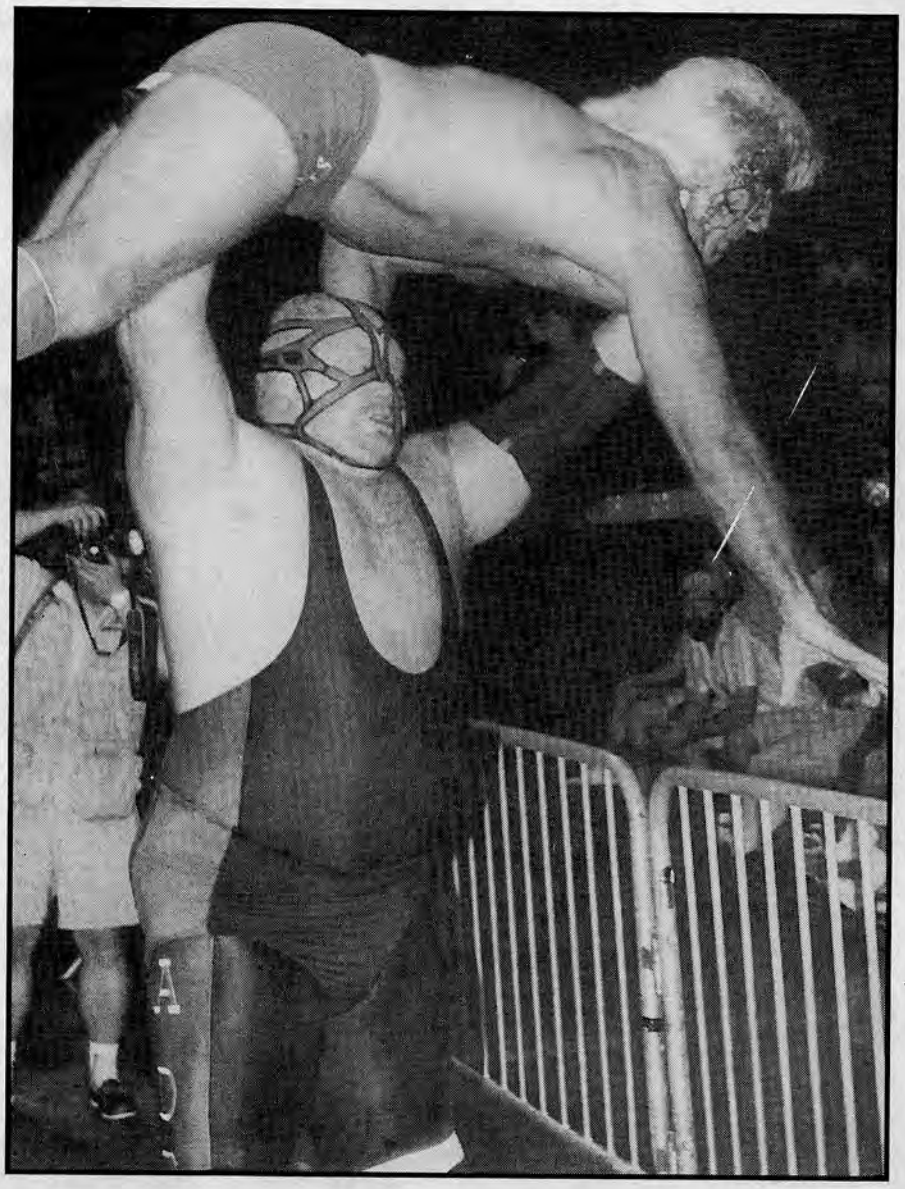
today and he doesn't need any gimmicks to win the title. But he's hardheaded, and even someone with my record of success and expertise has a hard time getting through to him."

Both Vader and Yokozuna will have to adjust, because both federations now boast many smaller, more skilled. Recently dethroned champ Flair has superb technical skill and stamina while generally being credited with playing the psychological game better than anyone in the sport. WWF champ Hart has simply been the best wrestler in the world since losing the Intercontinental title in August 1992. His supreme ability overshadows the fact that he weighs just 234 pounds.

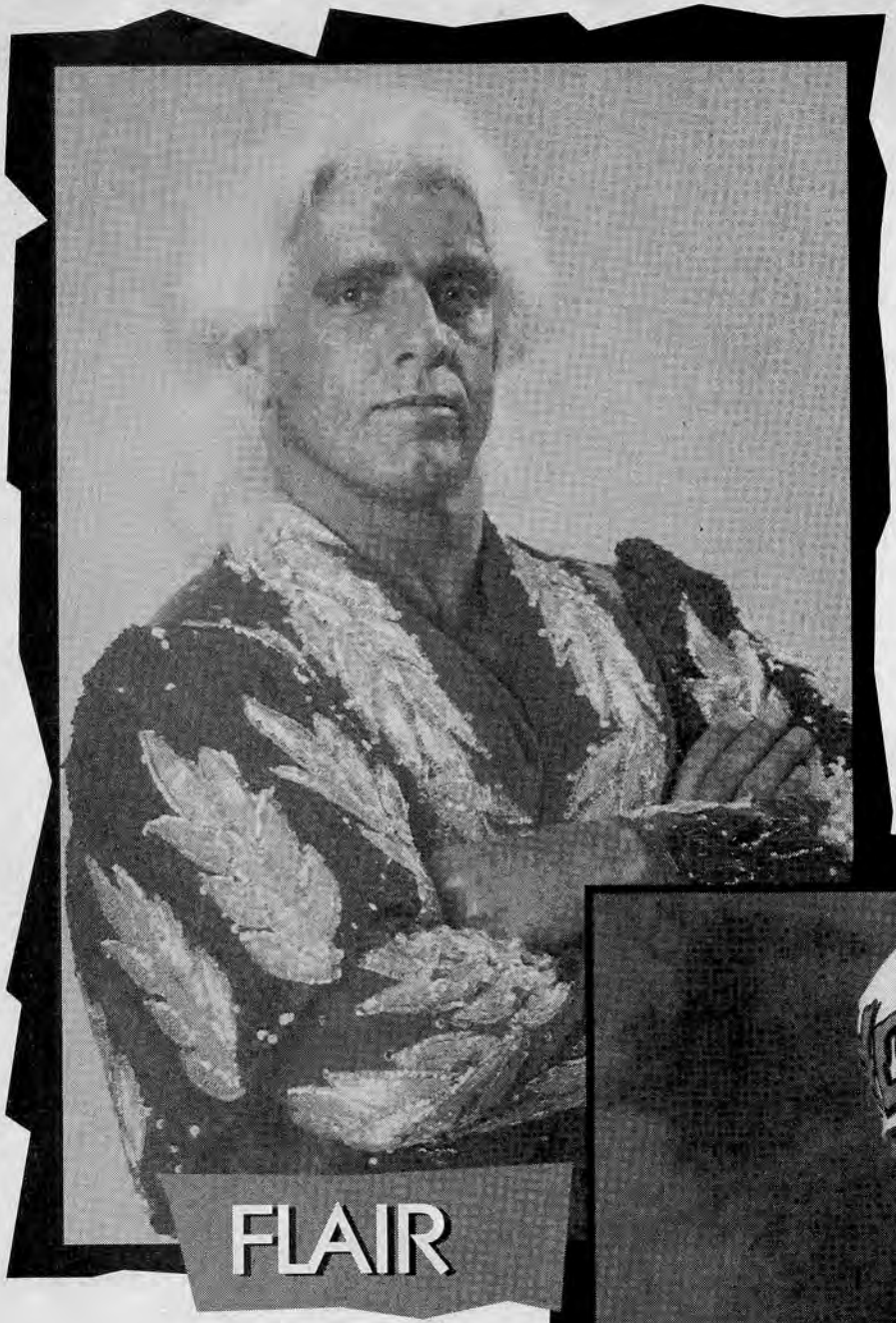
Beneath them are more "normal-sized" competitors, such as Sting, Steve Austin, and Rick Steamboat in WCW and Shawn Michaels, Owen Hart, and Randy Savage in the WWF. Proponents of Hulk Hogan and Intercontinental champion Diesel can make their cases, but both major federations are currently enjoying an upswing of the smaller, more accomplished wrestler.

"Vader has to reassess why he is no longer champion," said WCW expert Donald Wayne. "He has to come up with a strategy that will help him better against a smaller man, or he will never regain the title and will be nothing more than a big man with a big void in his career."

Our sentiments exactly. □



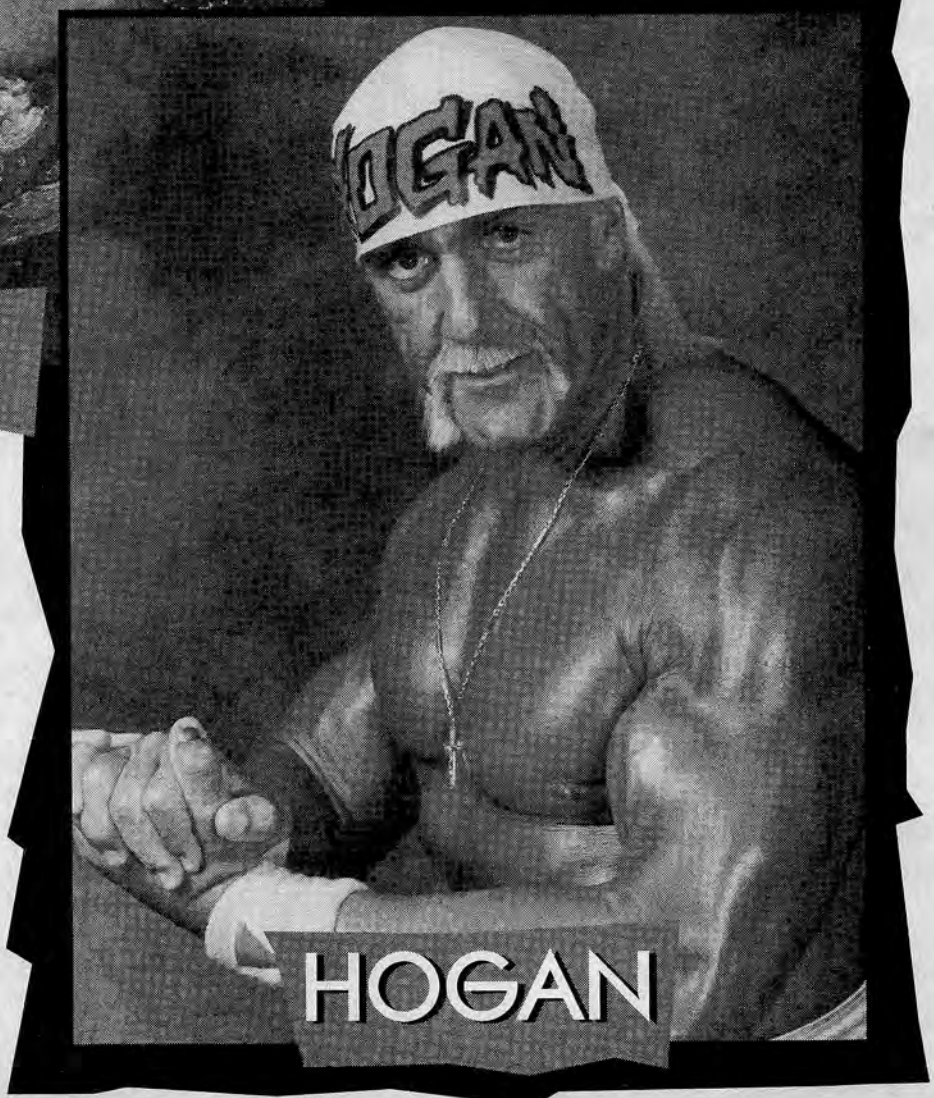
Vader was heavily favored to successfully defend the WCW World title against Ric Flair at Starrcade, but the "Nature Boy," a brilliant tactician, came from behind to win.



FLAIR

Ric Flair and Hulk Hogan, wrestling's two hottest stars of the past 10 years, are together again, this time in WCW. Their new feud has renewed the sport's hottest debate of the past decade: Who is the better wrestler? And who is more popular?

In an attempt to answer these questions and others, the editors of PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED hired a firm to poll more than 5,000 people throughout the United States. The results were enlightening.



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THE RIC FLAIR-HULK HOGAN POLL: SURVEY SAYS...

WHO'S MORE POPULAR, HOGAN OR FLAIR?

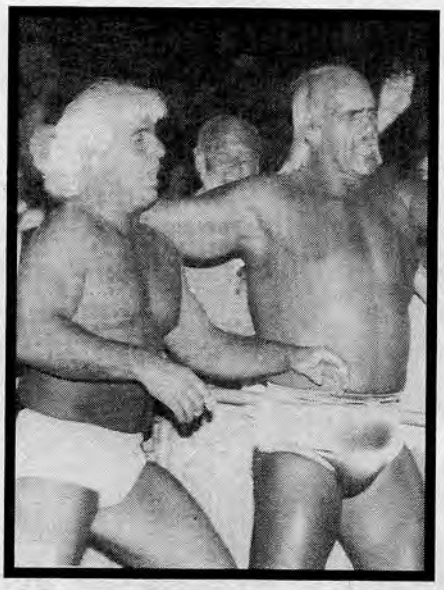
In this nationwide survey, 77 percent of those polled said they preferred Hogan over Flair. Five percent had no preference.

But the numbers declined when we restricted the question to people who identified themselves as wrestling fans (they watch televised wrestling for at least one hour a month and keep track of the goings-on in their favorite federation).

Only 58 percent of wrestling fans said they preferred Hogan over Flair. Two percent had no preference.

Among WWF fans, 92 percent prefer Hogan. Among WCW fans, 86 percent prefer Flair.

"Hogan is the WWF. That's why I hate him," said WCW fan Marc Kolvu of Greensboro, North Carolina. "I grew up hating the WWF and all it stands for. There's no way I'd ever root against Flair, unless he went back to the WWF."



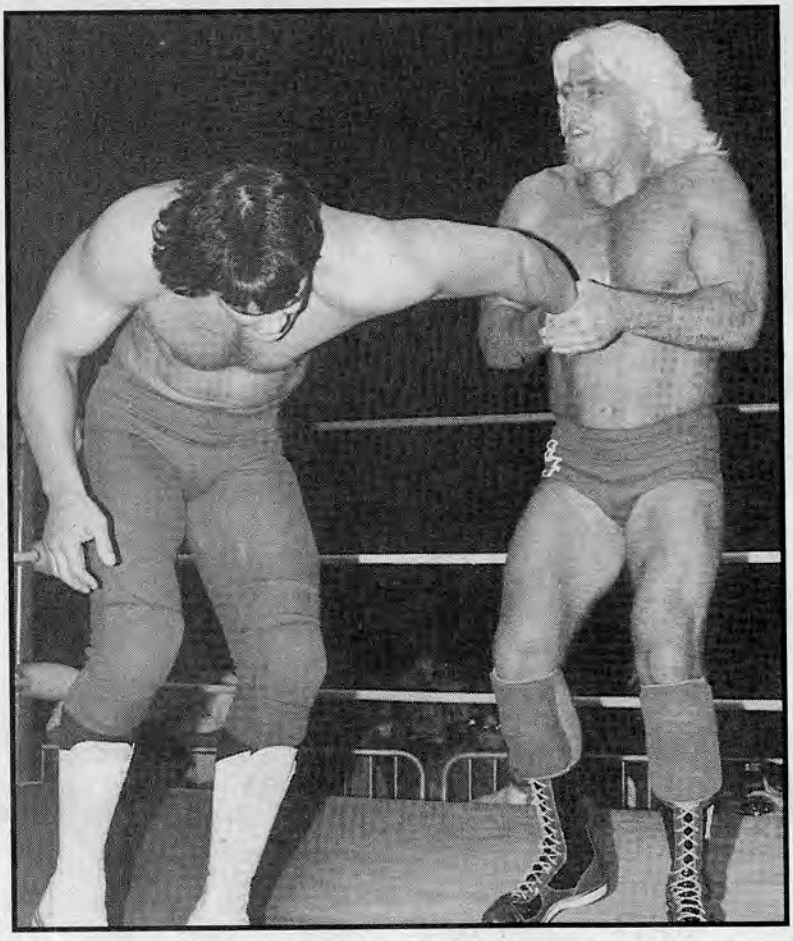
If this match was taking place in the Southeast, chances are most fans would be booing because Flair is hurting. But in California, this scene would draw cheers.

Said Cindi Cochrane, a WWF fan from Cleveland: "Flair's arrogant. Hogan's down to earth. He cares about his fans. I've always liked the WWF and Hogan's the reason."

We then broke down our survey into regions of the U.S. In the Northeast, Hogan was more popular by a 90-10 margin. In the Southeast, Flair was more popular by an 81-19 margin. Flair's greatest popularity was in North Carolina, where 96 percent of those polled named him over the "Hulkster." Hogan's greatest popularity was in California, where 94 percent of those polled named him over the "Nature Boy."

Not surprisingly, Hogan is the favorite among young fans. He was chosen as the more popular wrestler by a whopping 84 percent of those under 18. But Flair had the vote with the adult crowd. He got 76 percent of the 18-to-25 vote and 73 percent of the 26-to-34 vote.

Interestingly, Flair's popularity decreased as the fans got older. His popularity could be drawn in an upside-down U as age increased. Hogan received 52 percent of the vote from the 35-to-44 crowd, 59 percent from the 45-to-54 crowd, and 74 percent from the over-55



Flair's craftiness and wrestling skill has won him many fans among young adults. A majority of those between ages 18 and 34 prefer the "Nature Boy" to Hogan.

crowd (samples were not equal).

How can this be explained?

"I like Hogan's values," said Joyce Lichmy, a 47-year-old mother of four from Pittsburgh. "He preaches the right things. Flair is always changing. He's very sneaky and he sends out this idea that money is the only thing that matters. My kids are a little older now, but they always liked Hogan.

"I think the older you get, the more you appreciate the things Hogan says."

In other words, Hogan is the role model adults prefer for their children.

Things got fascinating when we broke down the poll by sex. Flair was the more popular wrestler among 64 percent of all men. Although Flair is supposedly the ladies' man, Hogan had the support with the women: The "Hulkster" got the vote among 80 percent of females.

Finally, we broke down the vote among fans polled who said wrestling is their favorite sport. Fifty-two percent chose Flair. Forty-eight percent chose Hogan.

WHO HAS DONE MORE FOR WRESTLING?

We restricted this question to the 56 percent of those polled who identified themselves as wrestling fans.

In contrast to Flair, Hogan's appeal is to the very young and very old. Children under 18 are overwhelmingly in the "Hulkster's" camp, as are fans who are over 35.

Hogan got the vote from 78 percent of those polled. Flair got 20 percent. Two percent called it a tossup.

"Although I'm a Flair fan, I have to recognize what Hogan has done for the sport," said Brian Benjamin of St. Louis. "Hogan popularized wrestling among people who never watched it before. Flair is by far the better wrestler, but I'm not really sure what he has done for the game."

Another Flair fan had an answer.

"Flair has brought art to wrestling," said Steve Leblang of Los Angeles. "He made the average fan appreciate the scientific side of the sport. All Hogan has done is pump up his muscles and his own bank account. Hogan has done a lot for himself, but Flair has done more for wrestling."

WHO WAS THE MORE DOMINANT WRESTLER OF THE 1980s?

Hogan defined the WWF in the 1980s, just as and Flair defined the NWA. But which wrestler really stole the spotlight? Who dominated his federation? We weren't surprised by the answer.

A whopping 84 percent said Hogan was the more dominant wrestler of the 1980s. They pointed to his impact on the game, the way he dominated the WWF World title (Flair lost and regained it several times), and his impact on the box office.

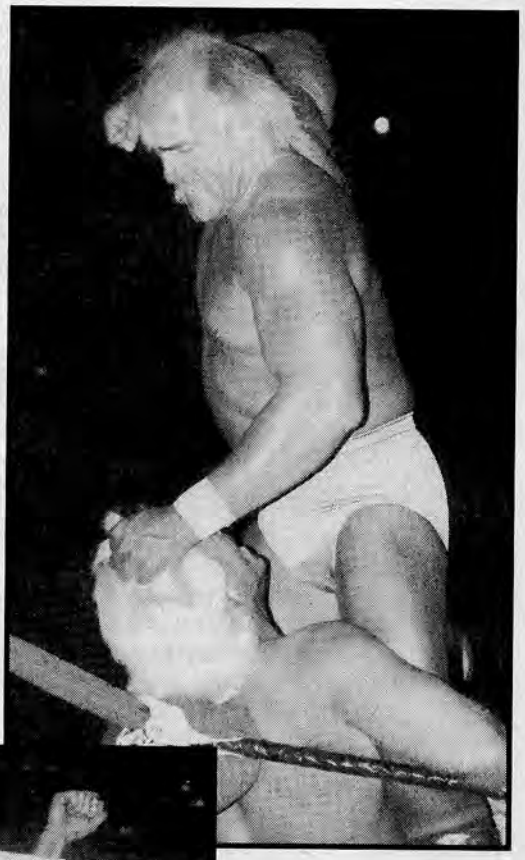
"Hogan was a household name in the '80s and he still is," said Scott Goldman of Albany, New York. "You couldn't say the same thing about Flair."

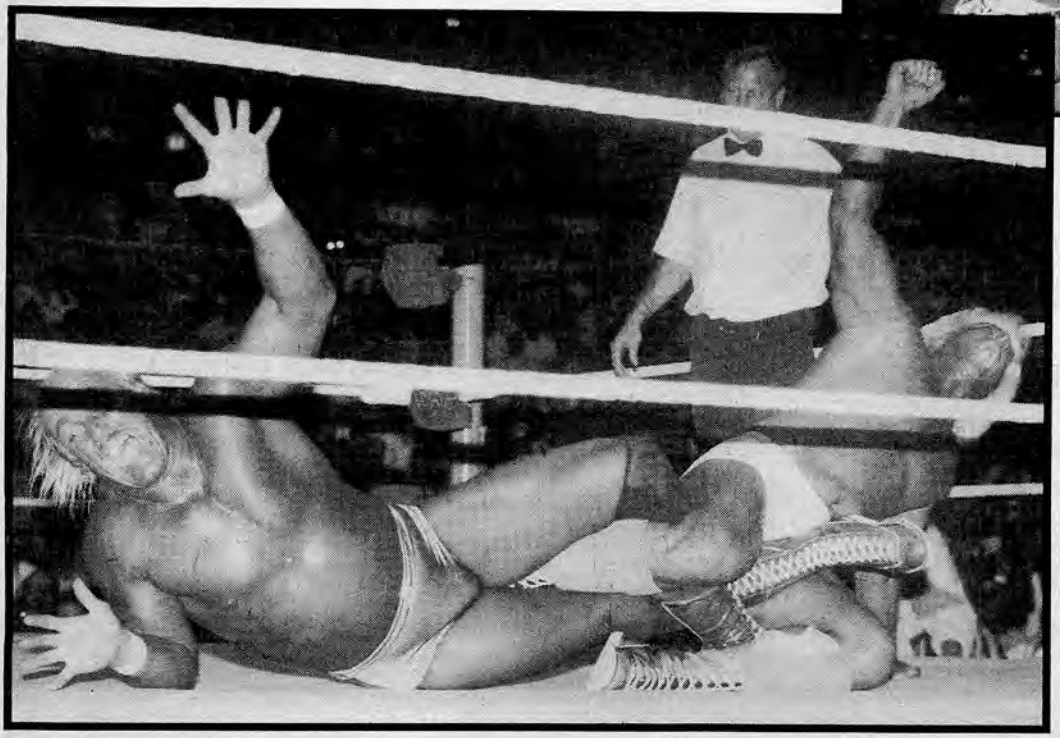
WHO IS THE BETTER WRESTLER?

This was a difficult question because many people think of science when you ask them about wrestling ability. We didn't define the parameters of the question, but just asked it.

Not surprisingly, 69 percent of those polled said Flair was the better wrestler. We then asked those 69 percent who would win a match between Flair and Hogan. Only 72 percent said Flair. We expected a more decisive vote. □

The ladies should love this scene. According to this *PWI* poll, women are far more likely to support Hogan rather than Flair. Ironic, since Flair has always painted himself as having unbelievable appeal to women.





Flair may have given wrestling its most famous figure-four leglock, but as far as most fans are concerned, Hogan has done more for the sport. On the other hand, a majority believe Flair to be the better wrestler.

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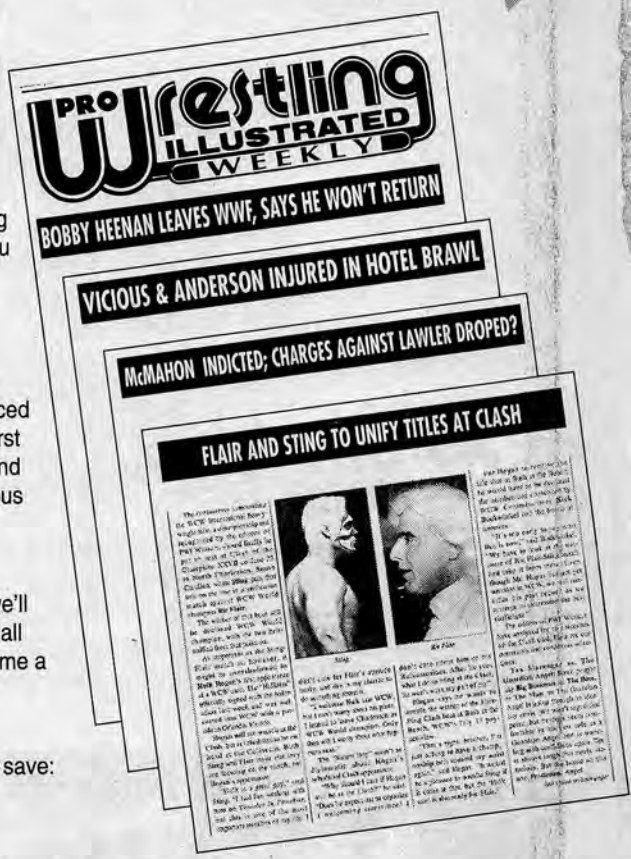
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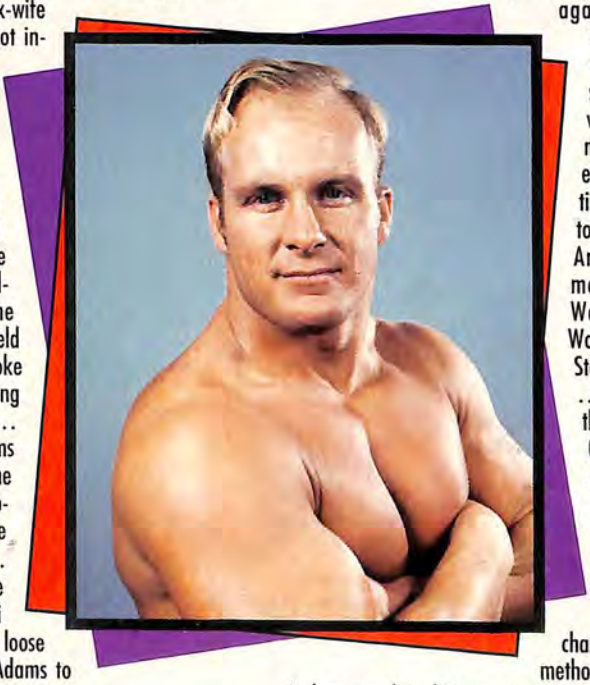
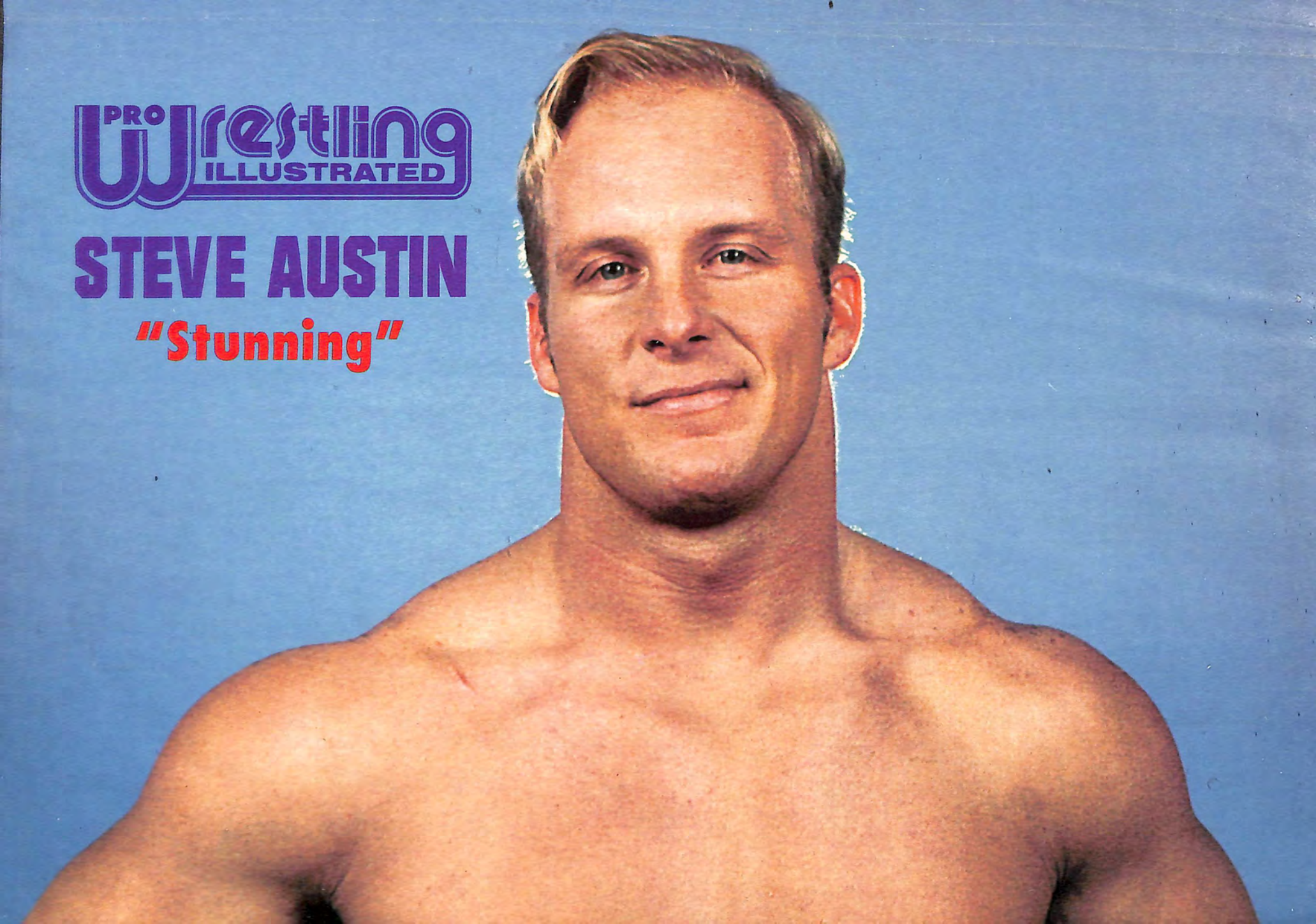
STEVE AUSTIN

"STUNNING" STEVE AUSTIN, the WCW U.S. champion, is one of the finest all-around wrestlers in the world ... Stands 6'2" and weighs 250 pounds ... Born in Hollywood, California, and grew up in Texas ... Was a defensive end at North Texas State University ... After his football eligiblity ran out, Austin was working on a freight dock when he saw an ad on TV for Chris Adams' wrestling school ... Enrolled and spent five months training for his pro debut ... The first graduate of Adams' wrestling school ... Debuted near the end of 1989 and beat Frogman Lablanc at The Sportatorium in Dallas ... Spent six weeks as a fan favorite in Tennessee before running to Texas with a new attitude ... On February 23, 1990, in Texas, Austin wrestled Adams in what was billed as a scientific, student vs. teacher match ... Adams was disqualified for punching Austin after Austin spit at him ... Two weeks later, Austin teamed with Jeff Gaylord to defeat Adams and Matt Borne ... In one of the boldest moves in the sport's history, enlisted the help of Jeannie, Adams' ex-wife ... Toni, Adams' wife at the time, then got involved in the feud ... The Austin/Jeannie vs. Adams Family feud was the USWA's hottest of 1990 ... Angered by Jeannie and Toni's constant interference, USWA officials stipulated before a match that if either woman interfered, she would be fined $10,000 ... Adams was controlling the match when Jeannie distracted referee Tony Falk and threw Austin a pair of handcuffs ... Austin handcuffed Adams to the ropes, Toni came into the ring, and Austin held her for Jeannie to hit ... Adams finally broke free and ran Austin and Jeannie from the ring ... Neither Jeannie nor Toni was fined ... Jeannie and Toni interfered even when Adams wasn't wrestling Austin ... On July 4 at The Sportatorium, a match was declared a no-contest when Austin piledrived Adams outside the ring and Toni choked Jeannie inside ... Afterward, Austin piledrived Adams inside the ring ... Austin and Jeannie tied up Toni and Jeannie began hitting her ... Toni got loose and fought back ... Toni laid on top of Adams to keep Austin from diving onto him from the top rope ... Austin dove anyway and crashed down on Adams and Toni ... Then Jeannie dumped Toni as she was being taken back to the dressing room on a stretcher ... Toni beat Jeannie by DQ on August 3 after Percy Pringle interfered ... Adams and Toni battled Austin and Jeannie in a steel cage match on August 31 ... Percy Pringle was locked in a penalty box ... Austin handcuffed Adams to the ropes, allowing him and Jeannie to double-team Toni ... Chris Von Erich, standing at ringside, got Austin away from Toni, enabling her to pin Jeannie ... But Toni uncuffed Adams, who piledrived Austin. Then Toni attacked Jeannie ... Lost by DQ to Kevin Von Erich when Jeannie sprayed a substance in Kevin's eyes ... Voted Rookie of the Year by the readers of PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED, edging out El Gigante ... Debuted in WCW on May 31 in Houston, Texas, and defeated Sam Houston ... Jeannie changed her name to Lady Blossom and followed Austin to WCW ... Immediately got shots at TV champion Bobby Eaton ... Beat Eaton for the belt on June 3, 1991, in Birmingham, Alabama ... Defended the belt against Eaton, P.N. News, Johnny B. Badd, and others ... Was pinned by Eaton in 5:01 on August 18 in Milwaukee ... But the match stipulated that Eaton could only win the belt in the first five minutes ... Beat Tom Zenk and Barry Windham in the first two rounds of a tournament for the vacant U.S. title ... Sting overcame interference by Blossom and Diamond Studd to beat Austin in the final ... Battled Dustin Rhodes to several draws, including one at Halloween Havoc '91 ... Joined Paul E. Dangerously's Dangerous Alliance ... Used a foreign object to pin eventual partner Brian Pillman ... Teamed with Rick Rude at BattleBowl '91 ... Rude, Austin, and Paul E. Dangerously brutalized Rick Steamboat at Clash of the Champions XVIII ... Was on the losing team against Sting, Steamboat, Barry Windham, Rhodes, and Nikita Koloff at War Games '92 ... Teamed with Arn Anderson against Sting and Koloff ... Paul E. Dangerously was suspended above the ring for Austin's title defense against Steamboat at Clash XX ... Steamboat used a flying bodypress to win the title ... Wrestled Steamboat several times over the following weeks, losing the title bouts and pinning Steamboat in the non-title matches ... Teamed with Pillman for the first time on October 17, 1992, and battled to a draw with Shane Douglas and Brad Armstrong ... Pillman and Austin moved into contention for the WCW World tag team title ... Brutalized World tag champs Shane Douglas and Steamboat with the belts at Clash XXII ... Beat Steamboat and Douglas for the belts on March 2, 1993, in Macon, Georgia, when Austin rolled Pillman on top of Steamboat for the pin ... Austin had knocked out Steamboat with one of the belts when the referee's back was turned ... Known as The Hollywood Blonds, Austin and Pillman proved to be powerful champions ... Used various rulebreaking methods to defend the belts ... Held off Arn Anderson and Paul Roma at Beach Blast '93 ... Pillman sustained a broken ankle in a match on August 9 in Atlanta ... Lord Steven Regal substituted for Pillman, and he and Austin lost the belts to Anderson and Roma on August 18 in Daytona Beach, Florida ... With Pillman on the sidelines, Austin was signed by Col. Robert Parker ... Pillman refused to associate with Parker and attacked him at a TV taping ... Austin then turned against Pillman ... Austin, thanks to interference from Parker, pinned Pillman at Clash XXV ... Won the U.S. title from Dustin Rhodes in a controversial best-of-three falls match at Starrcade '93 ... Austin won the first fall by DQ; according to WCW rules, titles can't change hands on a DQ ... Parker lost to Pillman in a match where the loser had to wear a chicken suit ... Held off Pillman in several defenses, beating his former partner three times in one week ... Recent opponents include Johnny B. Badd and Steamboat ... Narrowly held off Steamboat at Bash at the Beach, using the ropes for leverage to score the pin ... With his vast skills and devious ways, "Stunning" Steve Austin is sure to be a WCW force for many years.

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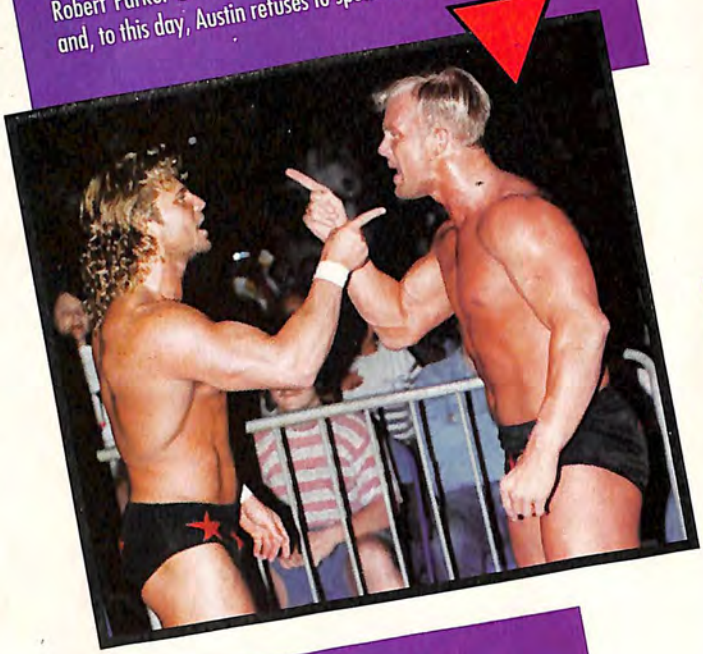
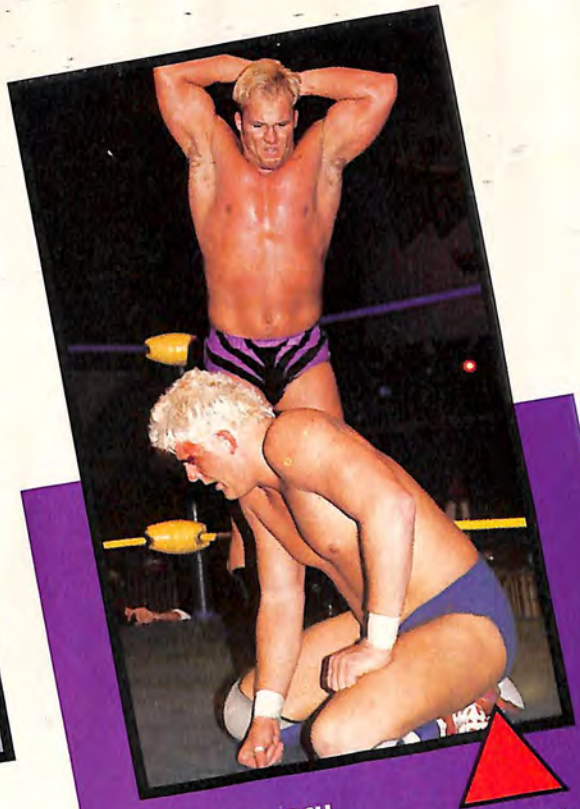
"Stunning"

MOST HATED OPPONENT

Brian Pillman. Austin thought he had something good going with The Hollywood Blonds until Pillman refused to let Col. Robert Parker be their manager. Friends became heated rivals and, to this day, Austin refuses to speak with his former buddy.



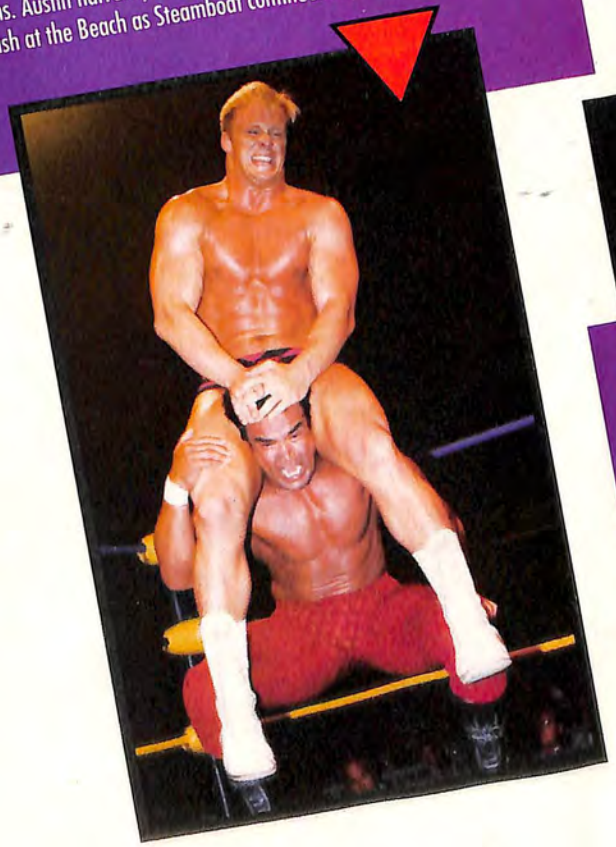


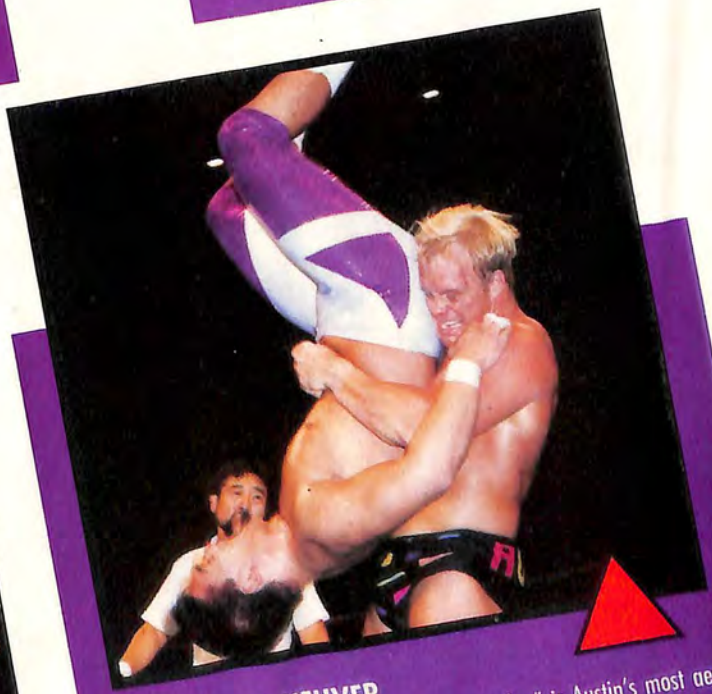
GREATEST MATCH

Vs. Dustin Rhodes, December 27, 1993. Austin won the U.S. title with a victory over Rhodes in this controversial best-of-three falls encounter. Austin won the first fall by disqualification and the second by pinfall and Rhodes protested the title shouldn't have changed hands on a DQ.

TOUGHEST OPPONENT

Rick Steamboat. Austin has battled Steamboat in both tag team and singles title matches and comes out looking lucky whenever he wins. Austin narrowly escaped with the U.S. title in a recent match at Bash at the Beach as Steamboat continues his relentless assault.



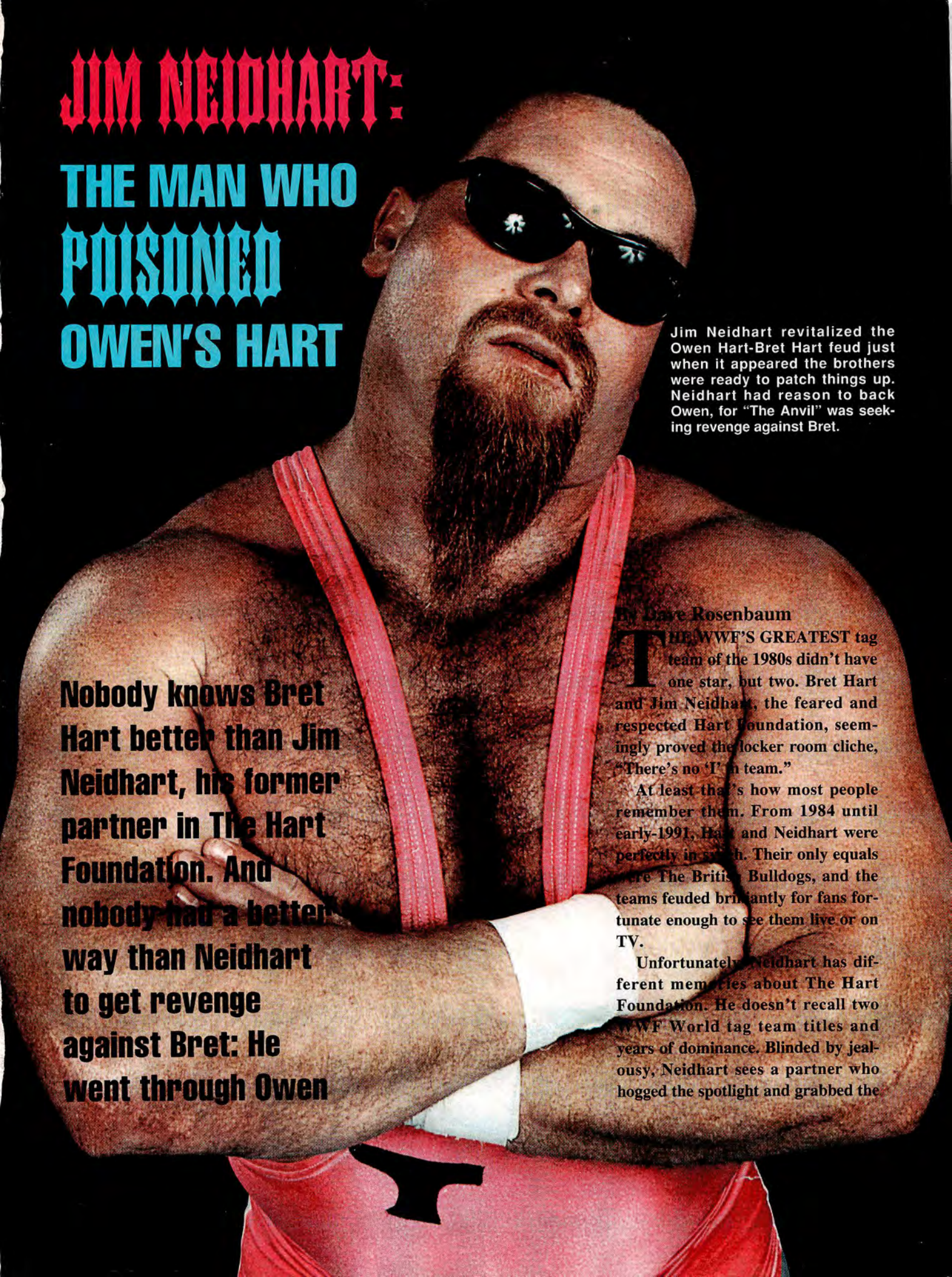


FAVORITE MANEUVER

Power bomb. Although the "Stun Gun suplex" is Austin's most aesthetically pleasing maneuver, he uses the power bomb to best advantage. Austin likes to think of himself as a multifaceted wrestler and the power bomb gives him the chance to show off his brute strength.

JIM NEIDHART:

THE MAN WHO POISONED OWEN'S HART



Jim Neidhart revitalized the Owen Hart-Bret Hart feud just when it appeared the brothers were ready to patch things up. Neidhart had reason to back Owen, for "The Anvil" was seeking revenge against Bret.

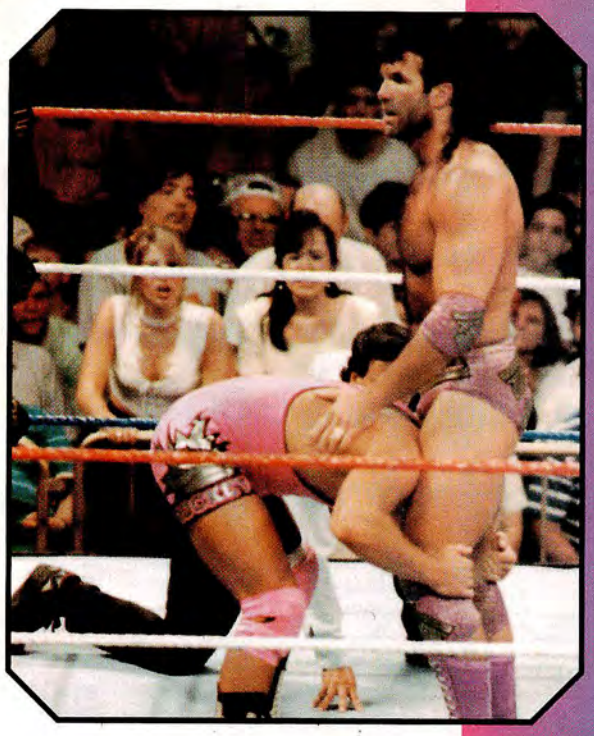
Nobody knows Bret Hart better than Jim Neidhart, his former partner in The Hart Foundation. And nobody had a better way than Neidhart to get revenge against Bret: He went through Owen

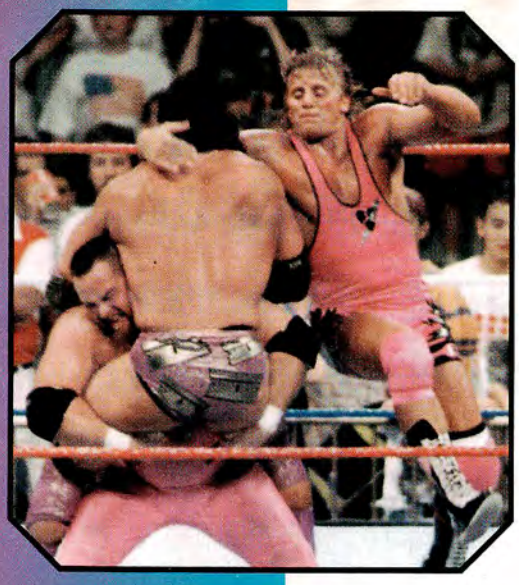
By Dave Rosenbaum

THE WWF'S GREATEST tag team of the 1980s didn't have one star, but two. Bret Hart and Jim Neidhart, the feared and respected Hart Foundation, seemingly proved the locker room cliche, "There's no 'I' in team."

At least that's how most people remember them. From 1984 until early-1991, Hart and Neidhart were perfectly in sync. Their only equals were The British Bulldogs, and the teams feuded brilliantly for fans fortunate enough to see them live or on TV.

Unfortunately, Neidhart has different memories about The Hart Foundation. He doesn't recall two WWF World tag team titles and years of dominance. Blinded by jealousy, Neidhart sees a partner who hogged the spotlight and grabbed the





Owen might have not have been able to beat Razor Ramon in the King of the Ring tournament (far left), without Neidhart's interference (left). Despite the fact that he remains beltless, Owen says he is superior to brother Bret, the WWF World champion.

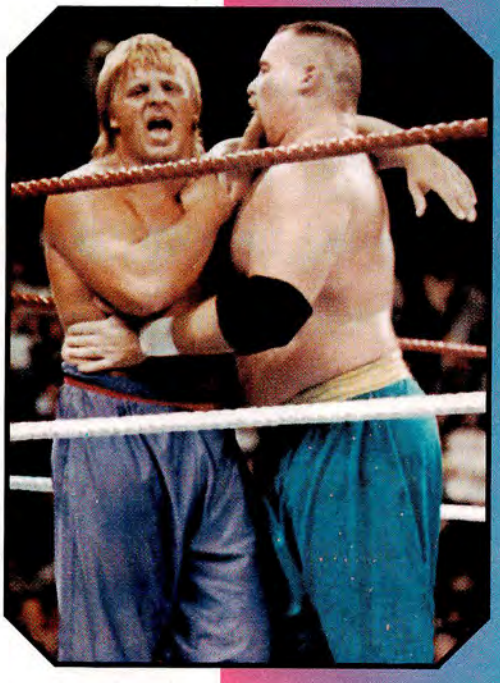
glory. For "The Anvil," turning against his brother-in-law Bret at the King of the Ring pay-per-view wasn't difficult, but an act of revenge. Owen Hart was his tool.

Neidhart has far fonder memories of his partnership with Owen. The New Foundation, formed in late-1991, never won the WWF World tag team title, but Neidhart remembers the impressive victories over several top tag teams. He also remembers that the team clicked.

"Owen never tried to hog the spotlight," Neidhart said a few years ago. "We were a real team. It wasn't like with his brother."

Now we can see how the stage was set some time ago for the WWF's hottest feud and most controversial story. Owen Hart might have turned against his brother without interference, but an instigator put him over the top.

Neidhart poisoned Owen's heart in a way none of Bret's actions could have. Owen perceived and Neidhart



Under the management of Jimmy Hart, The Hart Foundation had two WWF World tag team title reigns totaling about 16 months (far right). While The New Foundation (right) never approached their success, Neidhart has fonder memories of the latter unit.

confirmed. All along, Neidhart was the troublemaker lurking in the background, fueling Owen's fire. That flame is now burning hot and threatens to consume the Hart family.

The arsonist? Jim Neidhart.

"Neidhart didn't just show up at King of the Ring and that was that," said a WWF fan favorite who requested anonymity. "A few times in the past months I had seen Owen with Neidhart, but I never made anything of it. After all, they were teammates for a long time. Now we've all put two and two together and we can see what was happening."

The Hart-Neidhart-Hart triangle is the result of brewing resentment. It's impossible for anyone to look at the old Hart Foundation and say, "Bret was the better wrestler. Neidhart got short-changed. Hart hogged the spotlight." Neidhart was the feared brawler, Hart the respected scientific star. Both were capable rulebreakers and, later, equally liked fan favorites.

If anything, The Hart Foundation's dedication to teamwork made it what it was. So how could Neidhart emerge from that partnership feeling as if he were the lesser half?

"It's possible that Neidhart was very bitter over the breakup," said WWF expert Thomas Pilliard. "As we all know, Hart went on to great things while Neidhart's career stalled. Nobody really knew what would happen at the time, but that's what happened.

"What's interesting to note, though, is that although Neidhart blames Bret for stealing the spotlight, Owen was incredibly selfish when teaming with Neidhart. Owen scored the pin in most of The New Foundation's matches. That's a fact."

Facts obviously don't matter. According to insiders, Neidhart felt Owen was a far more cooperative partner than Bret. Neidhart and Bret often argued over the team's direction. Bret wanted more science, Neidhart more violence. They never came to an agreement.

In contrast, Owen didn't try to push his style on Neidhart. Instead, they discovered what The Hart Foundation quietly acknowledged all along: Opposites attract and make for dangerous tag teams.

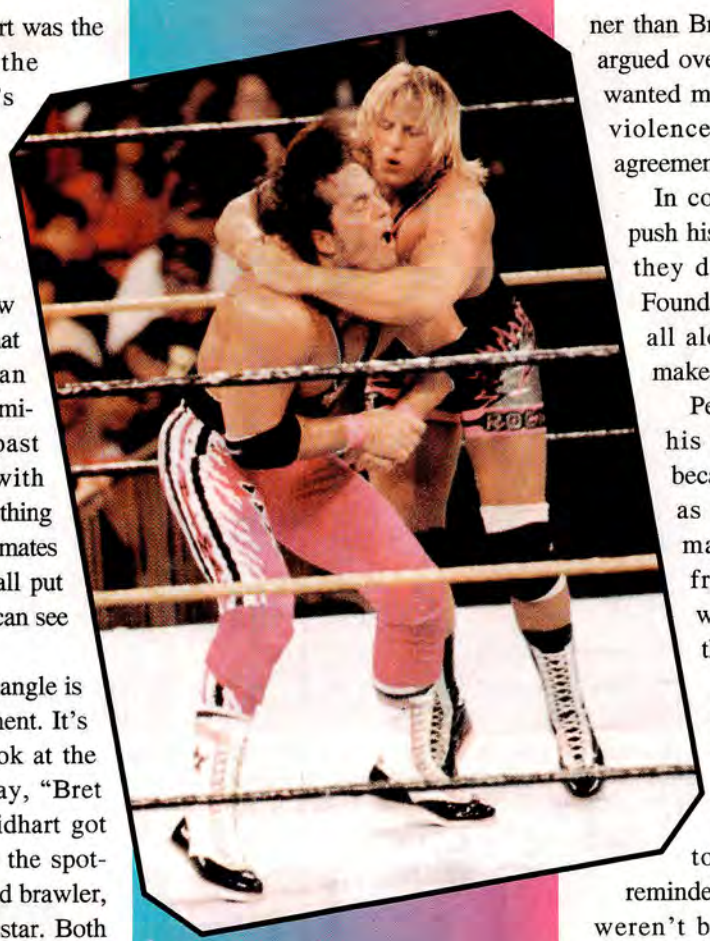
Perhaps "The Anvil" enjoyed his partnership with Owen because Neidhart was perceived as being more famous. Or maybe they just became friends. Neidhart and Bret were never anything more than partners.

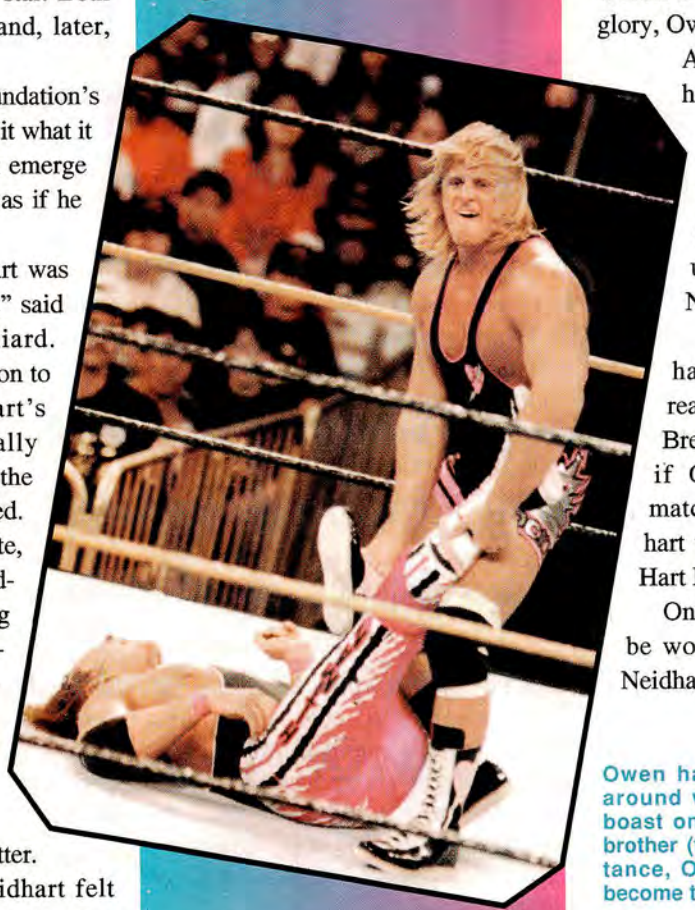
When presented with the opportunity to influence Owen, Neidhart struck relentlessly. Every time the brothers seemed ready to make amends, Neidhart reminded Owen that the scales still weren't balanced. Bret had all the glory, Owen had none.

At King of the Ring, Neidhart helped the balance by interfering in Owen's tournament championship match against Razor Ramon. The Bret-Owen feud was one-sided until Owen became "King." Neidhart kept things going.

And that's the way things have to be, because Neidhart really doesn't care if Owen is in Bret's spotlight. He doesn't care if Owen never wins another match. This is more about Neidhart vs. Bret Hart, the War of The Hart Foundation.

One more thing, Neidhart might be wondering. Why wasn't it The Neidhart Foundation? □





Owen has become an excellent all-around wrestler, though he can still boast only one victory over his older brother (top). But with Neidhart's assistance, Owen might finally be able to become the dominant Hart (left).

press conference

Ted DiBiase and Irwin R. Schyster were WWF World tag team champions on three different occasions, but a neck injury is now limiting the "Million-Dollar Man" to broadcasting and managing. He says Schyster, who handles his financial affairs, is still a good friend.

TED DiBIASE

WHEN TED DiBIASE suffered a neck injury in Japan last November, many fans probably thought they'd seen the last of the "Million-Dollar Man" for a while. But the three-time former WWF World tag team champion wasn't about to drop out of the spotlight.

He returned to the WWF as a broadcaster in January 1994, but it became obvious within a few months that he wouldn't be content to remain in that relatively powerless role. If he couldn't wrestle, the next best thing was to assemble a stable of wrestlers who could serve as an extension of his personal philosophy.

The first man he signed to his "corporation" was Nikolai Volkoff, whom he claims to "own." Nikolai had started appearing in the audience at every WWF TV taping, always wearing the same suit. When DiBiase found out Volkoff was nearly penniless, he hired him as a wrestler, but said he would only pay him if he followed his orders and wrestled more aggressively. So far, he is complying.

Next, DiBiase brought in an Undertaker, who was scheduled to battle Paul Bearer's Undertaker at SummerSlam. It was still not clear at press time which one is the original.

Since then, DiBiase signed Bam Bam Bigelow and continues to aggressively pursue Lex Luger, a man with a well-documented rulebreaking past.

Senior Editor Bill Apter recently had a chance to speak with DiBiase. As usual, DiBiase was very willing to offer his opinions on his stable and other subjects. "DiBiase is a man with a plan," reported Apter. "His corporation is already extremely powerful and he's still looking to expand it. You might not like the way he treats people, but he is driven to succeed. I respect that."

APTER: Why are you so intent on humiliating Nikolai Volkoff?

DiBIASE: Because the opportunity was there. Everybody knows Volkoff was a great superstar in the WWF years ago. He was also known for pinching pennies and saving money, but he didn't have the mental capabilities to make the right investments. The bottom line is, he lost it all. He lost it all and there he is sitting in the front row of an arena, in the same old suit every week, because he's got nothing else, nowhere else to go. It's a very familiar story for these musclehead wrestlers who don't know how to save their money, don't make proper investments. Look, everybody says I'm a jerk, that I'm humiliating Nikolai Volkoff. I did the guy a favor.

APTER: What about the pair of tights you make him wear with a cents emblem on it. Isn't that demeaning to him?

DiBIASE: Everything has a price. If he wants to work for me, if he wants to feed his family, his mother and father back in Russia, he's just gonna have to bite the bullet. *(Laughs hysterically.)*

APTER: To stay in your good graces, what will Volkoff have to do that Virgil didn't?

DiBIASE: He'll have to do everything I tell him to do. If you'll notice, he's decided it's not so bad to cut corners, break a few rules, and do whatever it takes to get the job done. I'm giving this guy an education.

APTER: A lot of people say you're afraid to get into the ring and this is why you have hired Volkoff and also Bam Bam Bigelow and The Undertaker to do your dirty work for you.

DiBIASE: I have had some problems as far as my physical condition goes. I have a neck problem that may or may not keep me out of the ring forever. That's neither here nor there. I don't have to get back in the ring. I love to wrestle. I proved everything I had to prove. I held every major title there was to hold. Bottom line is I've made all this money. Other guys are out there busting their can every night because they need the money. I don't need money.

APTER: You've been wrestling all these years only for money?

DiBIASE: No. I wrestled because I had something to prove back then. But what else could I want now?

APTER: Bret Hart has the WWF title.

DiBIASE: So what? I had the WWF title, too.

APTER: Sort of.

DiBIASE: Did I have it?

APTER: Yes.

DiBIASE: Case closed. I had it.

APTER: You never beat anyone for it. You bought it from Andre the Giant. Andre had the belt for less than two minutes and you were stripped almost immediately after he gave it to you.

DiBIASE: You know, Apter, you can be replaced. Move on to another subject or I'm out of here.

APTER: You used to team with Irwin R. Schyster as Money Inc. Do you two stay in touch as he wrestles as a solo competitor now?

DiBIASE: Irwin R. handles all my financial affairs.

APTER: Are the two of you going to team again and go after The Headshrinkers' WWF tag team belts?

DiBIASE: Irwin knows I have no desire to climb back into the ring.

Every issue, reporters from PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED will participate in an incisive press conference with a top wrestling star. The questions will be demanding. And the answers will reveal the innermost thoughts of the giants of the sport.

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DiBiase's corporation now includes Nikolai Volkoff (above) and struggling super heavyweight Bam Bam Bigelow (right, battling Tatanka). He hired Volkoff, who at one point was so poor that he had to bring his own food to arenas with him, and delights in humiliating him.

a tax for that ridiculous set of turkey feathers Tatanka wore to the ring.

APTER: It's a sacred headdress!

DiBIASE: Feathers are feathers. I have the same feathers in my pillow at home.

APTER: What about Lex Luger's feud with Tatanka?

DiBIASE: Lex Luger is obviously helping his good friend Irwin. I can't blame him for doing that.

APTER: You've said Luger is one of your new corporation's assets.

DiBIASE: That will become obvious to you and everyone else very soon, my boy. Next subject.

APTER: You've added Bam Bam Bigelow and an Undertaker to your corporation. Are you pleased with their performances?

DiBIASE: Now that they're with me, yes. Bigelow was wasting his time wrestling Doink the Clown and Dink. Bam Bam is one of the best technical wrestlers in the world. He's also one of the toughest and meanest. If you think that Luna Vachon was intimidating to Bigelow's opponents, wait till they have me standing next to Bam Bam. Regarding The Undertaker, he had to get rid of Paul Bearer to get mean and back into contention again. That's where I came into the picture.

APTER: Is he the real Undertaker?

He is also a wealthy man—like I am—so he's not going to rock the boat by asking me to go after tag team belts. We have nothing to prove, as I said before.

APTER: Your buddy has called Tatanka a "Native American embarrassment." Do you concur with Schyster's feelings?

DiBIASE: Irwin's gripe with Tatanka was very simple. He levied

DiBIASE: I brought The Undertaker to the WWF the first time. He went on to win the WWF title. Why? Because of the big break I allotted him. He owes me. He is one of a kind, the original. Don't ask me stupid questions.

APTER: Why are there two Undertakers set to battle at SummerSlam?

DiBIASE: Because Paul Bearer is

The "Million-Dollar Man" started a huge controversy in February 1988 when he purchased the WWF World title from Andre the Giant. That didn't sit well with WWF President Jack Tunney, who stripped him of the belt.

APTER: Okay, what's it like?

DiBIASE: I can't think of anything more pleasurable than sitting in the vault, surrounded by the smell of money. I love to watch the little bank peon with his little spectacles on and his funny little hat, sitting in the corner and painstakingly trying to count it all. ***(Again, laughs hysterically.)***

APTER: What about your career as a broadcaster? Do you feel you are better than Vince McMahon and Randy Savage?

DiBIASE: Yes. No doubt in my mind. I never doubt myself. You don't spit in the wind. You don't pull on Superman's cape. You don't doubt the wealth and obvious broadcasting talents of the "Million-Dollar Man."

APTER: Anything you'd like to add before we end this interview?

DiBIASE: Peons like you, Bill Apter, have their price for the "Million-Dollar Man." If I want to hire you to do whatever I choose, you have your price. ***(Laughs hysterically and leaves the interview area.)***

bringing in a bogus one. It's that simple. I have assured my Undertaker that Bearer's guy is an easy win. He won't have any trouble with him. How dare Bearer hire an impostor! It makes me sick to discuss what Bearer has done. Why don't you ask questions like, what's a typical day in the life of the "Million-Dollar Man"?

"You made the mess. You can clean it up."

THE PWI 500

*Welcome to the fourth annual "**PWI** 500," PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED'S comprehensive ranking of North American wrestlers. This unique annual reference is something avid fans of the sport will turn to again and again.*

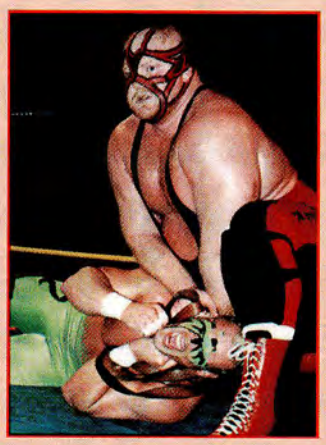
The list features stars from WCW, the WWF, and many independent federations in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. Foreign wrestlers are also included, provided they have competed on this continent in recent years or have stellar international reputations.

"This year's list continues last year's trend in that it's a blend of many styles and places," said Senior Editor Bill Apter, who coordinated the project with Managing Editor V.J. Paterno. "While the WWF and WCW are well-represented here as usual, so are many independent federations. There are plenty of excellent newcomers, and some of the best Japanese, Mexican, and Caribbean stars. Where talent is concerned, wrestling's future is in good hands."

*[Editor's note: The numbers in parentheses following each name represent the wrestler's height, weight, years of pro experience, and rating in the 1993 "**PWI** 500." An "NL" means the wrestler was not listed a year ago. A complete list of wrestlers ranked in 1993 but not in 1994, as well as an alphabetical cross-reference to the "**PWI** 500," follows the listing.]*

1 BRET HART (5'11", 234, 18, 1) WWF World champion for a second time after WrestleMania X triumph over Yokozuna ... Skilled, versatile, smart ... "Hitman" takes on all comers, including brother Owen ... Symbolizes the best of wrestling.

2 HULK HOGAN (6'8", 275, 15, 17) Beat Ric Flair for WCW title, joining Flair and Buddy Rogers as only men to win WWF and NWA/WCW world titles ... Lighter than in past, expanded his repertoire accordingly.



3 RIC FLAIR (6'1", 243, 21, 6) Saved career by upsetting Big Van Vader at Starrcade for WCW World title ... High on anyone's list of all-time greats ... Crafty ageless wonder ... Rekindled rivalry with Hulk Hogan ... *Whoooooo!*

4 BIG VAN VADER (6'5", 450, 9, 2) Three-time WCW World champion possibly out of the loop ... World's premier super heavyweight ... Brutal, but genuinely athletic ... Wrestles extensively overseas ... Severed Cactus Jack's right ear on WCW European tour.

5 SHAWN MICHAELS (6', 234, 11, 3) Has been somewhat inactive while bodyguard Diesel holds WWF Intercontinental title ... Cocky, obnoxious, tenacious, and talented ... Two-time I-C champ ... Hosts "Heartbreak Hotel" segment on federation telecasts.

6 STEVE AUSTIN (6'2", 241, 5, 23) WCW star added U.S. title to a burgeoning list of accomplishments ... Feuded with former tag team partner Brian Pillman ... Managed by Col. Robert Parker ... Awfully sneaky, but awfully good.

7 RAZOR RAMON (6'8", 287, 10, 87) Captured WWF Intercontinental title and held it for more than half a year ... "Bad Guy" became fan favorite, earned respect ... Very tough competitor ... Outlasted Shawn Michaels in WrestleMania X ladder match.

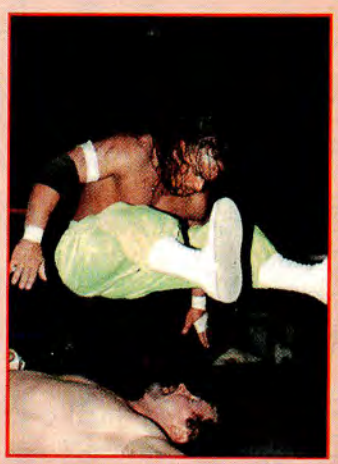
8 STING (6'2", 260, 8, 4) Three-time WCW World champion, might have made it four had it not been for Sherri Martel's interference ... "Stinger splash" remains potent finisher ... Wants bout against new champ Hulk Hogan.

9 RICK STEAMBOAT (6'1", 238, 18, 20) Lost controversial bout to Ric Flair at Spring Stampede, rekindling memories of their classic series of matches in 1989 ... Former NWA World champion ... Stellar technical wrestler ... The ultimate fan favorite.

10 OWEN HART (5'10", 227, 8, 37) Rulebreaking "Rocket" feuded with big brother, soared to stardom ... Beat Bret at WrestleMania X, but hasn't done it since ... Won King of the Ring ... Former USWA titleholder ... Excellent aerial ability.

11 YOKOZUNA (6'4", 568, 9, 5) Surprising Samoan sumo star's second WWF World title reign lasted nine months until loss to Bret Hart at WrestleMania X ... Strong, but plodding ... Mr. Fuji and Jim Cornette oversee career.

12 SABU (6', 220, 4, 56) Brilliant, high-flying master of mayhem ... Has had wild matches in recent months with Terry Funk, Chris Candido, and Cactus Jack, among others ... Hardcore favorite ... Former ECW champion.



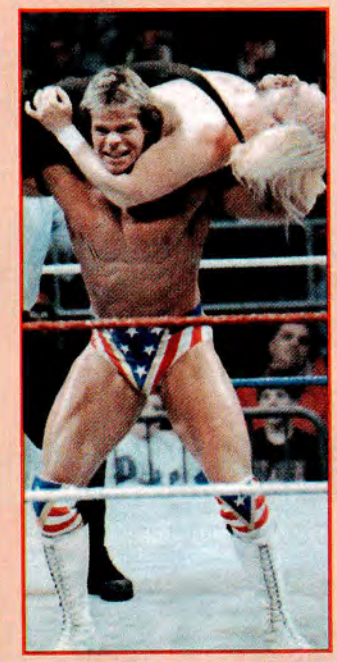
13 RICK RUDE (6'4", 246, 11, 8) Overbearing, egotistical, but a great wrestler ... Left WCW in spring amid retirement rumors, though nothing's official ... Beat Bret Hart in finals of *Inside Wrestling* Computer Tournament '94 ... Superb finisher in "Rude awakening."

14 DIESEL (7', 356, 4, NL) Amazing rise from mid-card status in WCW (as Vinnie Vegas) to WWF Intercontinental champion ... Learned much as Shawn Michaels' hulking bodyguard ... Tossed out seven straight rivals at Royal Rumble.

15 THE GREAT MUTA (6'1", 245, 10, 19) Among Japan's most respected and popular wrestlers ... Excellent aerial ability ... Former IWGP champion ... Held NWA title, but lost it to Barry Windham ... Recently had a classic bout with Antonio Inoki.

16 JERRY LAWLER (6', 234, 24, 14) Frequent USWA champ and WWF gadfly ... Got comeuppance against Roddy Piper at King of the Ring ... Memphis monarch hosts "King's Court" segment on TV ... Personality often over shadows his wrestling skills.

17 LEX LUGER (6'5", 265, 9, 7) Can't convert power and talent into WWF World title ... Disqualified by special referee Curt Hennig while facing then-champ Yokozuna at WrestleMania X ... Ted DiBiase wants him in his stable.



18 LORD STEVEN REGAL (6'4", 247, 10, 71) Dominated WCW TV rivals and avenged loss to Larry Zbyszko for title ... Pompous British native, often aided by Sir William ... Superb technical skill ... Wrestled extensively around world before joining WCW.

19 DUSTIN RHODES (6'5", 254, 6, 12) Former WCW U.S. champion continues to impress ... Became embroiled in series of violent, offbeat matches with Bunkhouse Buck ... Potentially a world title contender ... First-rate bulldog headlock.

20 SCOTT STEINER (6'1", 235, 9, 10) He and brother Rick wrestle mostly in Japan these days ... Wonderfully skilled ... Originated the crushing "Frankensteiner" finishing move ... Steiners have won world titles in WCW, the WWF, and Japan's IWGP.

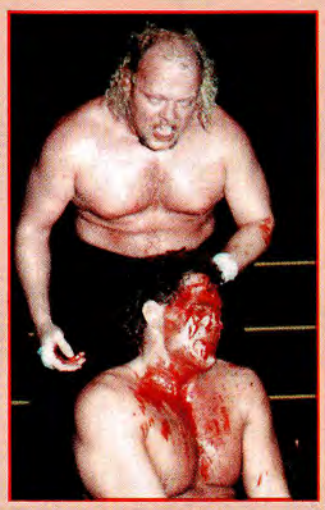
21 JUSHIN LIGER (5'6", 200, 11, 21) Still the standard by which all aerial wrestlers are judged ... Multiple winner of the IWGP junior heavyweight title ... Has influenced many U.S. wrestlers despite infrequently appearing on this continent.

22 THE KID (6'2", 212, 5, 34) Exciting young aerialist making impact in WWF ... Briefly shared World tag team title with Marty Jannetty ... Did well in World title match against Bret Hart.

23 THE UNDERTAKER (6'9", 328, 6, 46) This refers to original Undertaker, not the impostor ... Seemingly left for dead (literally!) at Royal Rumble, has come back ... Popular ex-WWF World champion ... Can take plenty of punishment.

24 BAM BAM BIGELOW (6'3", 368, 9, 33) WWF's agile, athletic super heavyweight was sidetracked by feuds with Tatanka and Doink ... In Ted DiBiase's stable ... Former Japanese tag teammate of Big Van Vader ... Luna Vachon is "main squeeze."

25 TONY ANTHONY (6'1", 235, 17, 42) Once again Smoky Mountain heavyweight champion ... Became fan favorite over the past year ... "Dirty White Boy" has also wrestled in USWA ... A pure brawler who backs down from nobody.



26 IRWIN R. SCHYSTER (6'3", 248, 13, 52) Has done well as a solo competitor ... Taxman currently feuding with Tatanka ... Gifted technical wrestler ... Ex-Syracuse University star was formerly Mike Rotundo and Michael Wall Street.

27 CACTUS JACK (6'4", 277, 11, 53) Simply maniacal ... Lost part of his right ear against Big Van Vader on WCW European tour ... Had wild ECW match with Sabu ... Held WCW World tag team title with Kevin Sullivan.

28 RICK STEINER (5'11", 248, 10, 16) The more volatile of the brothers ... A fine singles wrestler, though just a shade below Scott ... "Dogfaced Gremlin" has a devastating clothesline ... Not seen much in States in recent months.

29 MITSUHARU MISAWA (5'11", 228, 14, 92) All-Japan legend for years ... Has been United National titleholder since mid-1992 ... Has an incredible repertoire ... Purely scientific competitor ... Former Triple-Crown champion continues to get better and better.

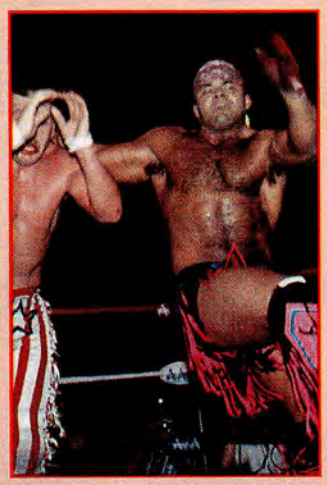
30 BRIAN CHRISTOPHER (5'10", 230, 6, 41) Six-time USWA Southern champ now a fan favorite ... Cunning, skilled, and extremely tough ... Has recently teamed with Jerry Lawler in feud against Eddie and Doug Gilbert.

31 ARN ANDERSON (6', 249, 12, 24) Recovered from wounds suffered in last October's British hotel brawl with Sid Vicious ... Tough, and respected by all ... A superb tag team wrestler ... Recently joined Col. Robert Parker's Stud Stable.

32 SHANE DOUGLAS (6', 223, 8, 72) ECW champion nicknamed "The Franchise," as former WCW star became a rulebreaker ... Feuding violently with Terry Funk ... Pittsburgh native is as crafty as they come ... Formerly managed by Sherri Martel.

33 TERRY FUNK (6'1", 247, 29, 45) Just turned 50, but hardly shows it ... Texas brawler with underrated scientific skills starring in ECW and WCW ... Has had an incredible series of matches with Sabu ... A respected legend.

34 KONNAN (5'10", 230, 7, 125) Arguably the most popular Mexican wrestler since Mil Mascaras ... Current IWC and AAA champion ... Wide array of suplexes and finishers ... Shaved Jake Roberts' head after beating "The Snake" in Tijuana.



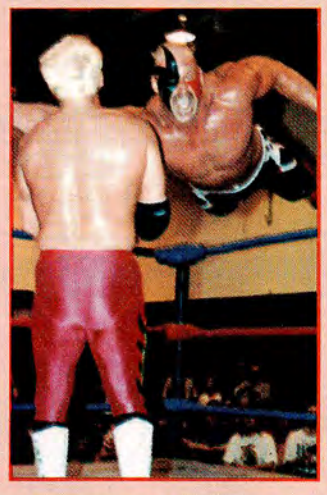
35 JEFF JARRETT (5'10", 230, 9, 22) "Double-J" is despised in WWF bu. still loved in Memphis ... Feuded with Doink and The Kid ... Personality changed, but his wrestling didn't—former USWA star remains well-skilled.

36 DOINK (5'10", 235, NA, 26) Clones were banned from WWF, but does have a midget pal, Dink ... Became fan favorite last fall, regularly psyching out Bam Bam Bigelow ... Hasn't yet contended for any WWF title.

37 KENTA KOBASHI (6'2", 260, 6, 69) One of All-Japan's most talented stars, and excels in both technical and aerial wrestling ... Nicknamed "Orange Crush" for orange outfits ... Holds tag team title with Mitsuhara Misawa.

38 TRACEY SMOTHERS (6'1", 227, 12, 32) Arguably Smoky Mountain's best all-around wrestler ... Superb top-rope clothesline ... Fan favorite has feuded with Tony Anthony, Brian Lee, and Bruiser Bedlam ... Atlanta native at peak of h's career.

39 HAWK (6'3", 277, 11, 39) Proving there is life after The Road Warriors/Legion of Doom ... Has excelled as solo on several independent cards and in Japan ... Incredibly intense ... Will he ever reunite with Animal?



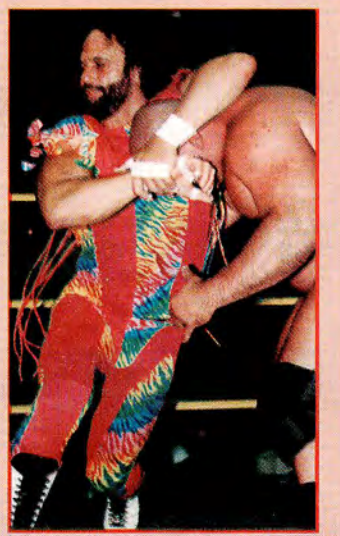
40 TATANKA (6'1", 250, 4, 61) Struggling of late ... Understandably angered when Irwin R. Schyster tore apart his ceremonial headdress, but has been disqualified vs. IRS for shoving the referee ... Now on verge of feuding with Lex Luger.

41 BRIAN LEE (6'2", 251, 5, 40) One of wrestling's rising stars ... Two-time Smoky Mountain champ ... Currently holds tag team belts with Chris Candido ... Has prospered under manager Tammy Fytch ... A determined rulebreaker since mid-1993.

42 EDDIE GILBERT (5'10", 222, 17, 29) "Hot Stuff" gave old Memphis nemesis Jerry Lawler more trouble, then left ... Briefly a fan favorite, but usually a rulebreaker ... Former GWF, USWA champion now in Puerto Rico's WWC.

43 CHRIS BENOIT (5'10", 218, 8, 44) Renewed himself on independent circuit after lackluster stay in WCW ... First-rate flying headbutt ... One of this continent's top aerial stars, is also popular in Japan ... Trained by Stu Hart.

44 RANDY SAVAGE (6'2", 237, 20, 28) When he wrestles, few are better ... "Macho Man" owns superb axhandle and elbow ... Two-time World champion failed in a WWF title bid against Bret Hart on WWF Japanese tour in May.



45 CHRIS CANDIDO (5'8", 226, 4, 83) A crybaby no more ... Teams with Brian Lee as Smoky Mountain tag team champions ... Has faced Sabu in other federations ... Rulebreaker loves trying high-risk maneuvers ... Improving rapidly.

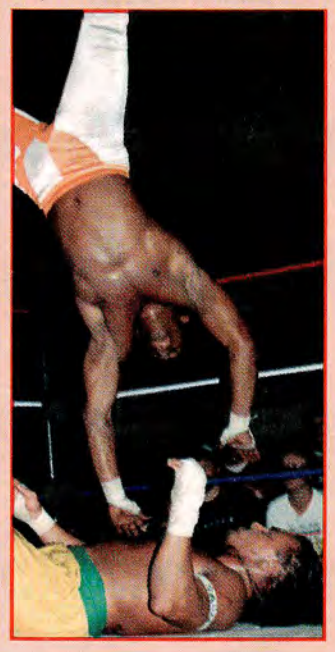
46 ROD PRICE (6'2", 265, 5, 59) Dominated Global for much of 1994 ... Solid professional with a mean streak ... L.A. native will always be known for losing his hairweave in a 1993 match against Chris Adams.

47 JIMMY DEL RAY (5'11", 225, 5, 86) "Gigolo" getting better every year ... Had extensive Japanese experience before joining Tom Prichard in The Heavenly Bodies ... Excellent moonsault ... Getting the exposure he deserves in the WWF.

48 STEVE WILLIAMS (6'1", 265, 10, 27) Almost exclusively wrestles in Japan these days, but has talked about competing in the States ... "Dr. Death" renowned for incredible strength and brutality ... One-time University of Oklahoma football star.

49 TOM PRICHARD (5'10", 220, 16, 54) Houston native now part of The Heavenly Bodies in the WWF ... A six-time former USWA Southern champion ... Tough, talented, smart veteran is thriving under Jim Cornette's guidance.

50 2 COLD SCORPIO (5'11", 222, 8, 49) Now in independents after leaving WCW ... Exciting high-flyer briefly held WCW World tag team title with Marcus Alexander Bagwell ... Infrequently wrestles in Japan ... Intelligent competitor, rarely allows himself to get out of control.

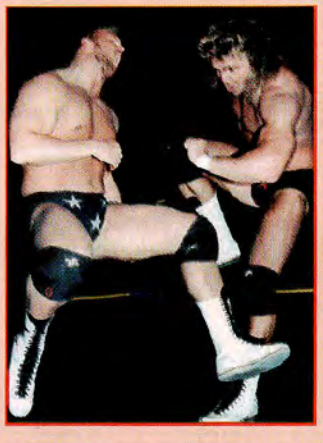


51 JOHNNY B. BADD (6', 235, 4, 51) Former boxer has come close to WCW World and U.S. titles ... Flamboyant, with a superb left-hand finisher ... Makes many charitable appearances ... Still feuding with U.S. champ Steve Austin.

52 JERRY SAGS (6'3", 290, 8, 76) Held WCW World tag team title with Brian Knobs for months as The Nasty Boys ... Superb flying elbow off top rope ... Extremely intimidating ... Has decent solo skills.

53 CRUSH (6'6", 322, 8, 35) Hawaiian native returned to rulebreaking, but struggled in feuds with Randy Savage and Lex Luger ... As a fan favorite, feuded with a rulebreaking Doink ... Now managed by Mr. Fuji.

54 BRIAN PILLMAN (6', 226, 7, 18) Has struggled somewhat without former Hollywood Blond teammate Steve Austin ... First-rate aerial wrestler ... Former pro football player (Cincinnati NFL, Calgary CFL) ... Twice won now-dormant WCW light heavyweight title.



55 THE GUARDIAN ANGEL (6'6", 310, 9, 58) WCW ruled he couldn't use Boss or Bossman name ... Wears beret and outfit honoring Curtis Sliwa's crime-fighting corps ... Brawling fan favorite won UWF singles title, starred in the WWF.

56 TROY GRAHAM (6'3", 245, 17, NL) "Dream Machine" is former USWA Southern champion, defeated by Brian Christopher ... Has captured many regional titles throughout his career ... Long-running feud with Jerry Lawler is still going strong.

57 JAKE ROBERTS (6'5", 253, 19, 80) DDT originator captured Smoky Mountain title, but was also shorn of his hair in Mexico after losing stipulation match to Konnan ... "The Snake" remains one of wrestling's most despised rulebreakers.

58 KEVIN SULLIVAN (5'10", 252, 23, 65) He and Cactus Jack won WCW World tag team title from The Nasty Boys ... Tenacious veteran, also appears in ECW and other independents ... Not as bloodthirsty as he once was.

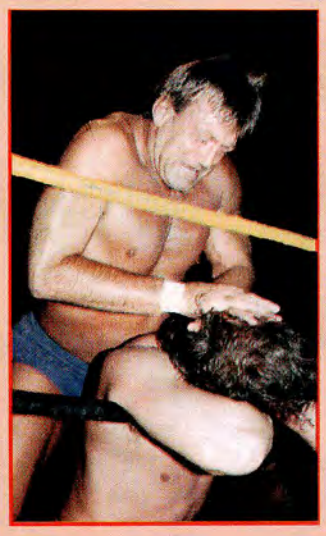
59 KENSUKE SASAKI (5'10", 233, 8, 50) One of Japan's strongest wrestlers ... Famed for power attack, including suplexes and hiptoss variation, and a dynamic clothesline ... He and Hawk are ex-IWGP tag team champions ... Formerly in WCW.

60 SCOTT NORTON (6'3", 360, 5, 47) Minnesota native back in Japan, where he's far better known ... Teamed with Hercules to win IWGP tag team title in 1993 ... One-time arm-wrestling champ ... Massive Verne Gagne protege.

61 JIM NEIDHART (6'1", 275, 15, 197) "The Anvil" returned to WWF, where he's allied with brother-in-law Owen Hart against his brother Bret ... Has teamed with both ... Also a veteran of independents and WCW.

62 AMERICAN LOVE MACHINE (5'10", 210, 7, NL) AAA grappler managed by figure skater Tonya Harding on Pacific Northwest card ... Has also competed in Japan ... Former tag partner with AAA champ Konnan before turning on him.

63 FATU (6'2", 260, 9, 105) Capt. Lou Albano's advising helped him and fellow Headshrinker Samu capture WWF World tag team title ... Brawler with technical skills ... Samoan Swat Team won World Class tag title three times.



64 PAUL ORNDORFF (5'11", 253, 15, 38) Rugged rule-breaker has teamed up with Paul Roma to form "Pretty Wonderful" tag team ... Could renew famed mid-1980s feud with Hulk Hogan in WCW ... Still can't stand "Paula" chants.

65 CHRIS ADAMS (6'1", 228, 16, 60) Among Global's most popular wrestlers ... Won old World Class title four times ... Virulently feuding with Gen. Skandor Akbar ... A mainstay of Texas wrestling during its recent ups and downs.

66 BRIAN KNOBS (6'1", 295, 7, 70) He and fellow Nasty Boy Jerry Sags dominated WCW tag team scene before losing to Cactus Jack and Kevin Sullivan ... The toughest of street brawlers ... Takes guff from no one.

67 SAMU (6'4", 260, 13, 98) He and fellow Headshrinker Fatu finally won WWF World tag team title, with help from Capt. Lou Albano and manager Afa ... Crazed alumnus of Samoan Swat Team ... Capable solo wrestler.

68 MR. HUGHES (6'5", 308, 6, 62) Well-dressed ECW contender often appears on other independent cards ... Stoic ex-WWF competitor lets his wrestling do the talking ... Quite agile for his size ... Played football at Kansas State.

69 JACQUES (6'2", 253, 15, 57) Has split with ex-teammate Pierre, amid rumors he may soon retire ... Quebecers were WWF World tag team champions for several months ... Former Intercontinental champion when known as The Mountie.

70 RICK MARTEL (6', 236, 22, 156) French-Canadian star back in WWF ... Lost finals of Intercontinental tournament to Razor Ramon last fall ... Also competes on independent circuit ... Former AWA World champion ... Dedicated to his craft.

71 HACKSAW DUGGAN (6'3", 280, 17, 66) Glens Falls, New York, native now in WCW and independents ... As patriotic as ever, with superb three-point stance and clothesline ... Ex-WWF star still famed for his trusty 2x4 ... *Hoooooo!*

72 ICEMAN PARSONS (5'10", 245, 15, 82) Always a Global contender and former two-time World Class champion ... Has feuded of late with Action Jackson in some unusual stipulation matches ... St. Louis native.

73 BRUISER BEDLAM (5'10", 235, 10, 398) Now in Smoky Mountain under Jim Cornette's tutelage ... Has an excellent stomach claw ... One-time WWF competitor ... Was known as Johnny K-9 in Motor City Wrestling.

74 AKIRA NOGAMI (5'9", 216, 7, 63) A mainstay in New Japan ... Anyone who can beat Jushin Liger *twice* for IWGP junior heavyweight title must be taken seriously ... Has struggled somewhat in recent months.

75 DOUG GILBERT (6'2", 241, 8, NL) Brother of Eddie, with whom he once feuded, is again tearing up the USWA ... Former Southern champ ... Feuding now with Brian Christopher and Jerry Lawler ... Has worldwide experience.

76 ULTIMO DRAGON (5'7", 175, 9, 77) This international superstar remains the UWA middleweight champ ... Injuries to his knees and ankles have slowed down this great aerial star ... Former IWGP junior heavyweight champ.

77 STAN HANSEN (6'3", 322, 20, 31) Frequent Japanese competitor occasionally appears stateside ... Famed "Lariat" clothesline, and is as rugged as they come ... One-time AWA and WCW U.S. champ.

78 TYPHOON (6'7", 384, 10, 103) Back in WWF, challenging Yokozuna ... Earthquake's partner in The Natural Disasters, former World tag team champions ... Has also competed as U.S. Steel, Big Steel Man, Tugboat, and Shockmaster.

79 THE PATRIOT (6'4", 251, 6, 143) Masked man back in U.S. as Marcus Alexander Bagwell's new tag team partner in WCW ... Talented fan favorite had starred in Japan ... Ex-Global TV and North American champion.

80 MASA CHONO (5'11", 235, 10, 85) Tokyo native has been trained by the likes of Lou Thesz, from whom he learned the STF ... Former NWA champion ... Has extensive U.S. experience in CWA, Continental, and WCW.

81 LARRY ZBYSZKO (5'11", 248, 22, NL) Came out of retirement to dethrone WCW TV champion Lord Steven Regal, lost belt several weeks later ... Former AWA World champion ... Memorable feud with mentor Bruno Sammartino in 1979-80.

82 SHINYA HASHIMOTO (5'11", 285, 10, NL) Current IWGP champion, among the best in New Japan ... Shared training group with The Great Muta, Masa Chono, and Jushin Liger ... Tough, with strong kicks.

83 RODDY PIPER (6'2", 231, 21, NL) "Rowdy Scot" pursuing acting opportunities ... Wrestled once in 1994, beating Jerry Lawler at King of the Ring ... Former Intercontinental champ was guest referee for Bret Hart-Yokozuna WrestleMania bout.

84 BOBBY EATON (6', 233, 18, 48) Former WCW TV champion ... In WCW and Smoky Mountain of late ... No one does the flying legdrop off the post better ... Starred with Stan Lane on Midnight Express tag team.

85 RIKI CHOSHU (6', 246, 20, 55) An Asian wrestling legend ... Still a star in New Japan ... Former IWGP champ has also won titles in Mexico ... Represented South Korea in 1972 Olympics before turning pro.

86 BOB BACKLUND (6'1", 234, 21, 64) Showed signs of turning rulebreaker at WWF TV tapings, or was he merely frustrated? ... Held World title for nearly six years in pre-"Hulkamania" era ... Epitomizes no-nonsense, scientific wrestling.

87 ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER (6'1", 360, 36, 78) His bloodthirstiness simply defies time ... Not the most technically sound of wrestlers, but with his style, he doesn't have to be ... In U.S. independents, the Caribbean, and Japan.

88 MABEL (6'10", 444, 3, 290) Briefly held WWF World tag team title with Mo in Men on a Mission, but now better known as a solo ... Massive, tough ... Feuding with Bam Bam Bigelow.

89 TOMMY RICH (6', 248, 17, 374) Feuding with Jerry Lawler and Brian Christopher in USWA ... A comeback of sorts, as former NWA World champion did little in WCW two years ago ... Memorably feuded with Buzz Sawyer.

90 TITO SANTANA (6'1", 245, 19, 68) Among the most popular wrestlers around ... Often appears in Eastern independents, although he's no longer in ECW ... Feuds with Manny Fernandez in IWCCW ... Two-time WWF Intercontinental champ.

91 GENICHIRO TENRYU (6'1", 235, 18, 89) One of the few pro wrestlers with extensive sumo experience ... Initially trained by Terry Funk ... Has held numerous titles in Asia over the years ... Among the craftiest of veterans.

92 PAUL ROMA (5'11", 235, 8, 108) Teams with Paul Orndorff in rulebreaking "Pretty Wonderful," WCW World tag team champs ... Former WWF tag team competitor, also in last year's revived Four Horsemen ... Has professional boxing experience.

93 MARCUS ALEXANDER BAGWELL (6'1", 240, 4, 104) Briefly held WCW World tag team title with 2 Cold Scorpio ... They split, he now has The Patriot as new partner ... Muscular competitor excels in tag teams ... Solo skills improving.

94 EL HIJO DEL SANTO (5'6", 170, 11, NL) "Son Of Santo" known throughout Mexico as "The Legend In The Silver Mask" ... Currently holds the AAA tag team title with Octagon ... High-flyer inside and outside the ring.

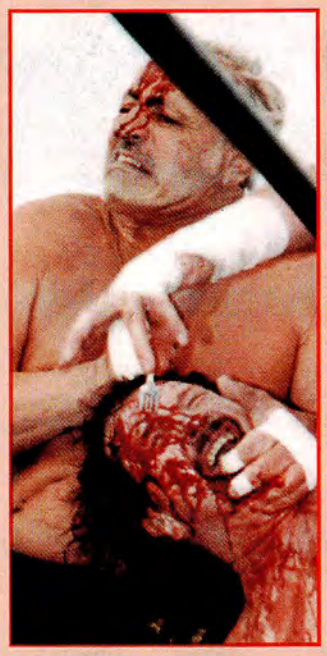
95 RAY GONZALES (6', 230, 4, 267) Still only in his early 20s, this Caribbean aerialist continues to improve ... Has won WWC tag team title with Ricky Santana ... Has beaten the likes of Eddie Gilbert.

96 RICK MORTON (5'11", 228, 16, 79) An aerial star despite his age and experience ... He and Robert Gibson are The Rock 'n' Roll Express, Smoky Mountain's most popular tag team ... Also compete in WWF ... Sworn enemies of Jim Cornette.

97 HIROSHI HASE (5'11", 225, 9, 119) New Japan star famed for his suplex ... Has extensive North American experience in Calgary, Continental, and WCW ... Won IWGP tag team titles with Kensuke Sasaki and The Great Muta.

98 RON SIMMONS (6'2", 260, 8, 36) The "All-American" is struggling ... Has rarely competed in recent months ... Held WCW World title for four months in 1992, but since has faded quickly ... Has one of the sport's best powerslams ... Former Florida State football star.

99 EARTHQUAKE (6'4", 462, 6, 94) Former sumo wrestler returned to WWF, was injured by Yokozuna ... One-time tag teammate of Typhoon in Natural Disasters ... Renowned for breaking Hulk Hogan's ribs with splash ... In Canadian independents.

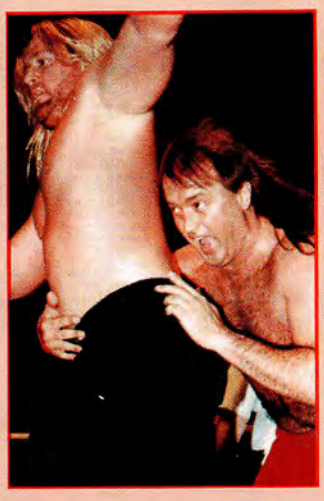


100 THE SHEIK (5'11", 247, 42, 273) A sadist at 70 ... Ranking almost matches his age ... Remains among the most violent of wrestlers ... Regularly wrestles on both sides of the Pacific, occasionally teaming with protege Sabu.

101 REY MISTERIO JR. (5'3", 140, 3, NL) Dynamic Mexican lightweight, who's actually from San Diego ... Small, incredibly innovative aerialist ... Only 20 years old ... Hugely popular in Southern California ... Has won Mexican lightweight and welterweight titles ... Extremely studious.

102 TOMMY DREAMER (6'3", 245, 5, 180) Former IWCCW TV champion now in ECW ... Drew ire of Jimmy Snuka by saying "Superfly" was his boyhood idol, leading to several intense matches ... Finishing move is sleeperhold called "Dreamland."

103 ROBERT GIBSON (5'11", 225, 17, 99) Has bounced back from reconstructive knee surgery ... Rock 'n' Roll Express star has had solid solo career ... The bane of Jim Cornette's existence

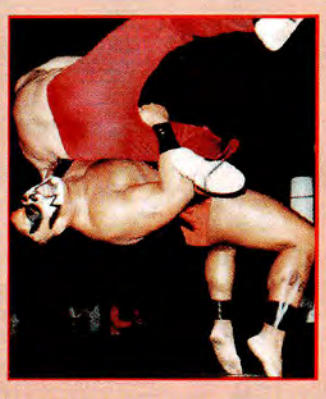


104 MIKE SAMPLES (6'2", 252, 3, 163) Current Championship Wrestling from America champ ... Successful on the independent scene ... Excellent build, calculating mind, gathering experience ... Wrestled in USWA under manager Bert Prentice ... Has also refereed on occasion.

105 IVAN KOLOFF (5'11", 249, 33, 152) Often appears on independent cards in Midwest and Virginia ... Veteran will always be known for beating WWF champ Bruno Sammartino in 1971, ending a reign that had lasted since 1963.

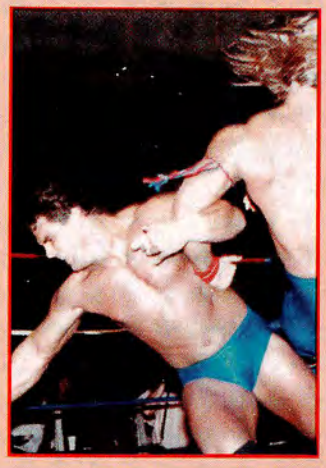
106 NOBUHIKO TAKADA (6'1", 230, 13, NL) Current UWFI champion ... Incredibly fast, with powerful kicks ... Beat Big Van Vader before 46,000 in Tokyo ... Has lost just once in 2½ years, but wrestles only monthly.

107 TASMANIAC (5'11", 221, 7, 128) Found a home in ECW, where he's wrestled Sabu and Shane Douglas, among others ... Superb suplex ... Rulebreaker, but skills are underrated ... Former IWCCW light heavyweight champ ... Briefly in Smoky Mountain.



108 BRUTUS BEEFCAKE (6'4", 273, 11, 151) Capped solo comeback by beating Nailz for WWWA title in Atlantic City in April ... Completely recovered from 1990 parasailing accident ... Longtime pal of Hulk Hogan, appeared on *Thunder In Paradise*.

109 SCOTT PUTSKI (6', 235, 8, 124) Muscular Global contender and former North American champion ... Reminds some of The Ultimate Warrior ... Out of father Ivan's shadow ... Former Texas Christian University football star ... Also a personal trainer.



110 DOUG FURNAS (5'11", 243, 8, 118) Oklahoman and former champion weightlifter (set world record in 1987) has won multiple tag team titles with Dan Kroffat ... Among the strongest wrestlers anywhere ... Competes in Japan, also in Mexico.

111 NEGRO CASAS (5'7", 180, 15, NL) Some call this Mexico City native a technical equal of Bret Hart or Ric Flair ... Has held numerous middleweight or welterweight titles ... No weaknesses in his style ... Very personable.

112 AL SNOW (6'1", 237, 12, 379) Has revived Fabulous Kangaroos with Denny Kass, but Melbourne native's claim to fame is a victory over Sabu ... High flyer has competed in many federations, including WCW and the WWF.

113 VIC STEAMBOAT (6'1", 235, 8, 106) Scientific wrestler in the style of older brother Rick ... Champion of New England-based Century Wrestling Alliance ... Excellent flying press ... Might Owen Hart's rulebreaking rise to prominence give him ideas?

114 BUTCH REED (6'2", 265, 16, 341) Feuded with Rod Price in Global ... Once Ron Simmons' partner; they won WCW World tag team belts as Doom ... Has also competed on pro rodeo circuit.

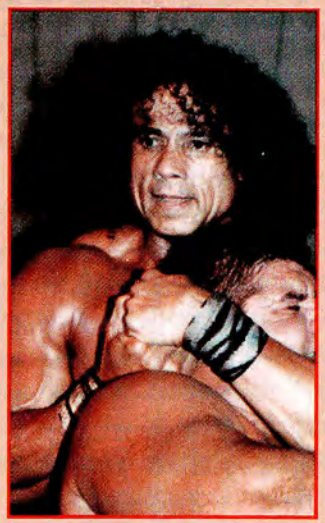
115 FRANK ANDERSSON (6'2", 245, 1, NL) Three-time former Greco-Roman World champion and 1984 Olympic bronze medalist for native Sweden appears to have adapted superbly to the pro style ... Powerful with crisp execution of moves ... Untested.

116 JOHNNY ACE (6'3", 250, 8, 478) Kicker and puncher, with some aerial skills ... One-time flagbearer for The Sheepherders regularly competes in Japan ... He and Shane Douglas formed Dynamic Dudes in 1989.

117 CANEK (5'11", 235, 22, NL) Twelve-time and current UWA heavyweight champ ... One of the most recognizable faces in Mexican wrestling ... Feuded for years with Mil Mascaras, but neither man ever scored a victory.

118 AKIRA TAUE (6'5", 265, 6, NL) Former sumo wrestler (and quite good at it) now excelling in All-Japan ... Comprises superb tag team with Toshiaki Kawada ... Magnificent choke slam ... Good foot-to-face movement.

119 JUN AKIYAMA (5'11", 225, 2, NL) Already among All-Japan's best, and getting better ... Was an alternate freestyle wrestler on 1992 Olympic team ... Adjusted to pro game quite quickly ... Trained by Kenta Kobashi ... Well-conditioned.



120 JIMMY SNUKA (6', 250, 25, 75) Time hasn't slowed the "Superfly" ... Retains a devastating flying bodypress off the turnbuckle ... Regularly competes in independents ... Won ECW title late last year ... Fans sometimes ignore his non-aerial skills.

121 GREG VALENTINE (6', 243, 23, 74) "The Hammer" rolls along on the independent circuit, infrequently appearing in the WWF ... Has excellent figure-four leglock and elbowsmash ... Has Intercontinental and U.S. titles to his credit.

122 KENDO THE SAMURAI (6', 222, NA, NL) Mysterious master of martial arts making mark in Smoky Mountain ... Rulebreaker from Asia ... Has had trouble beating top SMW stars.

123 BOB ORTON (6'1", 245, 22, 158) One-time bodyguard for Roddy Piper has had a distinct career in his own right ... Originator and master of the top-rope superplex ... "Ace" still competes on independent cards.

124 GARY ALBRIGHT (6'4", 350, 6, NL) Excellent amateur career (world title, second in NCAAs) ... Dominates UWFI with Nobuhiko Takada, Big Van Vader ... Only wrestler to beat Takada in 2½ years ... Has devastating dragon suplex and many other holds.

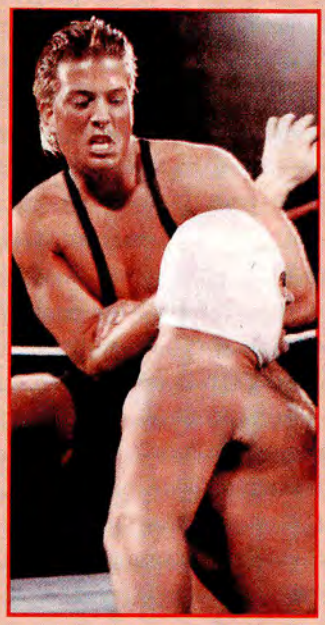
125 BUNKHOUSE BUCK (6'5", 239, 1, NL) Member of Col. Rob Parker's Stud Stable ... Ornery brawler despises both Dustin and Dusty Rhodes and is completely obsessed with destroying them ... Claims to be the real bunkhouse champion.

126 DAN KROFFAT (5'11", 235, 12, 115) Canadian native has had excellent career in Japan ... Has often teamed with Doug Furnas ... Tough, intelligent, with an excellent physique ... Rarely competes in North America.

127 TAKAYUKI IIZUKA (6'2", 230, 4, 110) New Japan star continues to rise ... One of the world's best aerial wrestlers, once had a classic bout with Owen Hart ... Has an excellent future ahead of him.

128 TOMMY CAIRO (6'3", 257, 3, 297) Muscular "Ironman" popular in ECW ... Now allied with Peaches, who is estranged from The Sandman ... They've participated in caning and other bizarre matches ... Also occasionally seen in other Eastern independents.

129 ROB VAN DAM (6', 227, 4, 121) Former IWF TV champ, now competes in Midwest independents and in Japan ... Excellent split-legged moonsault ... Kickboxes as a hobby ... Briefly in WCW.



130 INVADER I (5'10", 227, 25, 130) Former WWF competitor ... Known for wearing silver mask, but often wrestles without one ... Captured two WWC tag team titles with El Bronco I ... Veteran formerly known as Jose Gonzalez.

131 TATSUMI FUJINAMI (6'1", 238, 23, 111) Held IWGP title until losing to Shinya Hashimoto in May ... One of Japan's wrestling greats ... Stellar scorpion leglock ... Former WWF World junior heavyweight champion, also competed in WCW.

132 THE GREAT SASUKE (5'8", 185, 4, NL) Hottest young Japanese wrestler ... Beat Jushin Liger for "Super J" Cup ... Stars in Michinoku Pro in extreme northeast Japan ... Perhaps wrestling's best pure flyer ... Frequent injuries have hampered this phenom.

133 MIKE DAVIS (5'11", 235, 17, 133) "Maniac" still a Global mainstay ... Has recovered from attack by Gen. Skandor Akbar and Black Bart ... Still has superb foot speed ... Founder of The Rock 'n' Roll RPMs.

134 NIKOLAI VOLKOFF (6'7", 280, 26, 312) Russian immigrant fell on hard times, returned to rulebreaking and WWF as Ted DiBiase's lackey ... Solid fundamental wrestler, formerly on independent circuit ... Doesn't sing in ring anymore (thankfully!).

135 TONY ATLAS (6'2", 247, 17, 129) Wrestles in New England and along Eastern seaboard ... Former Mr. U.S.A. and two-time IWCCW champion ... Size and strength are unquestioned ... Often accused of evading top competition.

136 NAILZ (6'5", 271, 9, 146) Longtime nemesis of Big Bossman ... Briefly known as The Convict ... Huge independent brawler ... Wrestling skills are virtually nil ... Held WWWA title for several months, but lost it to Brutus Beefcake in April.

137 THE HATER (6'4", 265, 5, 324) Perhaps the most despised wrestler in the Twin Cities area ... PWA champion is a foul-mouthed rulebreaker ... Formerly known as The Punisher ... Has feuded with Tommy Ferrara.

138 PIERRE (5'11", 255, 2, 232) Has parted company with Quebecer teammate Jacques, with whom he shared the WWF World tag team title ... An improving talent, but has a lot to learn ... Extremely rowdy.

139 DICK SLATER (6'1", 235, 25, 159) Stars in the Mid-Atlantic area ... A veteran of regional competition, with countless belts to his credit ... He and Barbarian won final WCW U.S. tag team title.

140 KAMALA (6'7", 345, 20, 171) "Ugandan Giant" found new life in Eastern independents after struggling in WWF ... Former USWA champion underutilizes his size and strength ... Not to be confused with Japan's Giant Kamala II.

141 EDDY GUERRERO (5'8", 202, 7, NL) Teams with despised rulebreaker Love Machine ... Hated by Mexican fans, yet respected for his technical skill ... Youngest of four wrestling sons of Gory Guerrero ... Regularly battles Jushin Liger in Japan.

142 ADAM BOMB (6'6", 292, 3, 144) WWF disappointment ditched underachieving manager Harvey Wippleman and became fan favorite ... Had earlier dominated prelim opponents ... Known as The Nightstalker in Smoky Mountain, but left after feuding with Kevin Sullivan.

143 SID VICIOUS (6'8", 318, 7, 25) Left WCW in wake of last fall's incident with Arn Anderson ... Recently gained USWA title ... His meanness is unquestioned, but has always been his own worst enemy ... Wrestling's biggest enigma.

144 GRAN HAMADA (5'4", 195, 23, NL) Among the very finest lighter-weight wrestlers ... Tokyo native has held plenty of titles all over the world ... Now in Mexico's UWA ... Definitely underrated ... Great speed for one his age.

145 VLADIMIR KOLOFF (6'4", 265, 3, 120) Frequently wrestles in the Mid-Atlantic area ... Nephew of Ivan Koloff, and has been his tag team partner ... Big, strong, with plenty of potential ... Former IWA heavyweight champion.

146 JUNKYARD DOG (6'3", 305, 15, 132) Occasionally appears on independent cards ... Has slimmed down somewhat ... Popular competitor whose best maneuver remains the headbutt ... One-time WCW and WWF star.

147 DORY FUNK JR. (6'2", 250, 30, 238) Former NWA World champion still a fixture in Japan, but also competes more in U.S. ... Brother Terry is occasional tag teammate ... Taught Japanese language course at Florida junior college.

148 TIMOTHY WELL (5'11", 240, 7, 153) Formerly Rex King, and Well Dunn partner Steven Dunn was formerly Steve Doll ... They've won titles in Pacific Northwest, WWC, and USWA, and are now in WWF and SMW... Solid scientific skills.

149 KOKO B. WARE (5'9", 229, 14, 117) USWA regular, where he's feuding with Reggie B. Fine ... Still has macaw Frankie by his side ... Once was tag team partner of Owen Hart ... Also in Southern and Eastern independents.

150 DUTCH MANTEL (5'11", 224, 21, 193) Veteran competes in many independent federations ... Former CWA champion who has also wrestled in USWA ... Calls his leather whip "shoo baby" ... Recently took part in WWC barbed-wire match.

151 BLACK TIGER (6', 223, 10, 245) Aerialist back in native land, battling Jushin Liger and company in New Japan ... Had classic 1985 match in New York vs. The Cobra, but couldn't sustain success ... On the rebound.

152 BLUE PANTHER (5'6", 190, 17, NL) Scientific rulebreaker, but is popular ... Current Mexican middleweight champion ... Has feuded with Octagon and Love Machine ... Youngest to be awarded "maestro" honor given to outstanding technical wrestlers in Mexico.

153 BRAD ARMSTRONG (6', 226, 13, 95) Oldest of the wrestling Armstrong brothers ... Was WCW's final light heavyweight champion ... Has often helped family in its feud with Jim Cornette ... Quicker than he appears to be.

154 MIGUEL PEREZ JR. (6'1", 232, 8, 137) Athletic WWC star is renowned for his stamina ... His specialty is marathon matches lasting at least 30 minutes ... Son of a former Latin favorite ... Captured Caribbean belt in 1991.

155 DUKE DROESE (6'5", 306, 7, 500) And the last shall be first, or near the middle ... Former Garbage Man took "The Dumpster" nickname in WWF ... Feuding with Jerry Lawler ... Chicago native.

156 JOHNNY SMITH (6', 235, 12, 122) Competes in All-Japan, where his tag teammates have included Johnny Ace ... Had wrestled in "New British Bulldogs," but Dynamite Kid retired ... Has had problems maintaining consistency.

157 MARTY JANNETTY (5'11", 230, 10, 13) Left WWF in spring, after he and The Kid held World tag team belts for all of one week ... Good technical wrestler, but has problems with stronger opponents ... Former Intercontinental champ.

158 CIEN CARAS (6'3", 240, 19, NL) Mexico's Jerry Lawler: Beloved on home turf (Jalisco), reviled elsewhere ... Holds attendance records throughout Mexico ... Won inaugural IWC heavyweight title last year, lost it to Konnan this past Easter Sunday.

159 THE BARBARIAN (6'5", 295, 13, 142) Recently resurfaced in WWF as opponent of Razor Ramon ... Brutal giant once managed by Bobby Heenan ... Spent plenty of time on the independent circuit ... Best at tag team wrestling.

160 THE SANDMAN (6'3", 244, 5, 161) A rulebreaker once more ... Now managed by Woman since falling out with estranged wife Peaches ... Former ECW champ ... Has competed in "Singapore caning" matches.

161 SILVER KING I (5'11", 221, 9, 328) Mexican star, son of former grappler Dr. Wagner ... Former UWA tag team champ feuds with his brother, Dr. Wagner Jr. ... Once teamed with El Texano, now primarily with cousin Dandy.

162 VIRGIL (5'11", 230, 9, 166) Now back in WWF, facing Nikolai Volkoff, who succeeded him as Ted DiBiase's lackey ... Excellent hand speed, always very determined ... Never underestimate him ... Also appears on independent cards.

163 TOM ZENK (6'2", 237, 10, 168) Minnesota native making inroads in Japan ... "Z-Man" won WCW TV title and was Marcus Alexander Bagwell's tag team partner before 2 Cold Scorpio ... Extraordinary dropkick from top turnbuckle.

164 LA LEY (6'2", 244, 4, 214) The Caribbean's version of Big Bossman ("la ley" means "the law" in Spanish) ... Puerto Rican police officer stars in WWC ... One-time rulebreaker noted for using his nightstick when necessary.

165 ATSUSHI ONITA (5'9", 218, 20, NL) Had retired in 1984 before making comeback in violent stipulation matches ... Brawler trained by Terry Funk ... May have spilled more blood than any other wrestler in history.

166 STEVE ARMSTRONG (6'2", 224, 11, 113) Strongest of the wrestling brothers ... Defending father Bob's honor against Jim Cornette in Smoky Mountain ... Renowned for dropkick off the top rope ... One-time tag teammate of Tracey Smothers.

167 DAN SPIVEY (6'8", 300, 11, 100) Not quite so "Dangerous" of late ... Teamed with Sid Vicious as The Skyscrapers ... Great power bomb ... Competes in Florida and Japan.

168 PRINCE KHARIS (6'4", 267, 2, NL) Mummy reported by handlers to be thousands of years old ... Received shots at SMW champ Tony Anthony earlier this year ... Once had thumb cut off; sand poured out! ... Current whereabouts unknown.

169 CHARLIE NORRIS (6'7", 290, 6, 90) Chippewa Indian had brief success in WCW, but is back in Minnesota independents, where he dominated for some time ... Idolized Wahoo McDaniel ... Favorite maneuver is tomahawk chop.

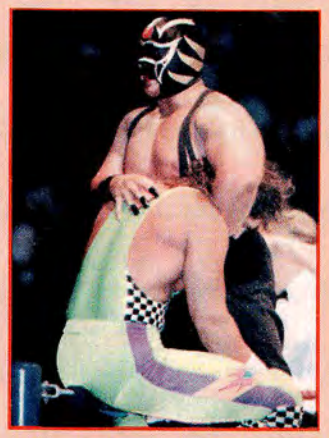
170 STEVEN DUNN (5'10", 237, 10, 329) Formerly Steve Doll, is now in Smoky Mountain and WWF as part of Well Dunn ... Aerial star, past tag teammates included Crush and Scott Peterson ... Has wrestled in USWA.

171 RAY ODYSSEY (5'10", 225, 8, 185) San Diegan carries surfboard into the ring ... Currently in WWA, where he's contending for the junior heavyweight title ... A three-time IWCCW light heavyweight champ ... Has beaten several larger opponents.

172 THE WARLORD (6'5", 360, 8, 140) Former WWF World title contender ... Mostly wrestles in Northeastern independents these days ... Strong, extremely physical ... A one-time tag teammate of Barbarian as The Powers of Pain.

173 JIMMY GARVIN (6', 225, 25, 241) A bit more active this year ... Helped revive Freebirds with Terry Gordy and Michael Hayes, regularly appearing in Global ... Master of the DDT has won titles throughout the Southwest.

174 KWANG THE NINJA (6', 250, 10, NL) Masked martial artist debuted in WWF with Harvey Wippleman as manager ... Master of spinning savate kicks ... Feuding with former Wippleman protege Adam Bomb ... Scored several impressive victories over The Kid.



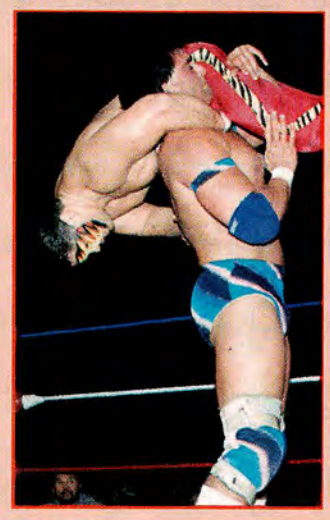
175 JOEL DEATON (6'5", 285, 8, 148) Texan who's made a name for himself in Japan ... Also occasionally competes in Southern independents ... "The Outlaw" is a frequent tag team partner of Stan Hansen.

176 RICKY SANTANA (5'10", 235, 12, 109) One of the Caribbean's best ... Tag team champion partners in WWC have included Curtis Thompson, Al Madril, and Ray Gonzales ... Formerly in Pacific Northwest Wrestling ... Sometimes a rulebreaker, sometimes a fan favorite.

177 MAXX PAYNE (6'6", 350, 7, 73) No longer in WCW, where he feuded, then teamed, with Johnny B. Badd and was tag partner of Cactus Jack ... "Payne-killer" is wrestling's premier armbar ... Plays rock guitar.

178 ALEX PORTEAU (5'10", 233, 6, NL) Called "Beach Bully," which makes sense, because he hails from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina ... Outstanding light heavyweight ... Can hold his own against anyone in Global.

179 JOHNNY GUNN (6'3", 255, 9, 176) Recently completed tour of Japan ... East Coast independent star has long feuded with King Kahlua ... Top ACW contender ... Has occasionally teamed with Tommy Dreamer ... Has superb Thesz-press.

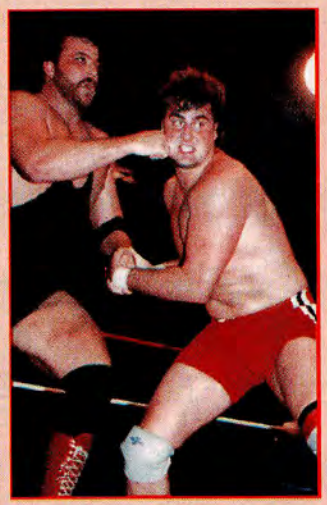


180 PIT BULL PSYCHO MIKE (6'3", 243, NA, NL) Involved in a bitter feud with the Tasmaniac in ECW ... Managed by Jason, "The Sexiest Man Alive" ... Former ECW TV champ is known for his outstanding snap suplexes.

181 KING KONG BUNDY (6'4", 446, 18, NL) New Jersey native rumored to be returning to WWF ... Lost classic steel cage match to Hulk Hogan at WrestleMania II ... Feuded with WWA champ Frank Finnegan in 1994 ... Very intimidating.

182 JESSE BARR (6', 243, 13, 81) Son of Sandy Barr, previously used the name Jimmy Jack Funk ... Famed for his bulldog headlock ... Well-regarded throughout Pacific Northwest, though he has a stable of rulebreakers.

183 ERIK WATTS (6'5", 262, 2, 84) Sophomore jinx hit son of former WCW executive Bill Watts ... Nowhere as competitive, or visible, as he once was ... 1992 *PWI* Rookie of the Year ... Famed for STF finishing move.



184 DAVEY BOY SMITH (5'9", 245, 17, 15) Left WCW, now competes in Europe ... Was slated to participate in WWF's fall tour of the Continent ... Former WWF Intercontinental champion ... Briton has wrestled since his mid-teens ... Superb powerslam.

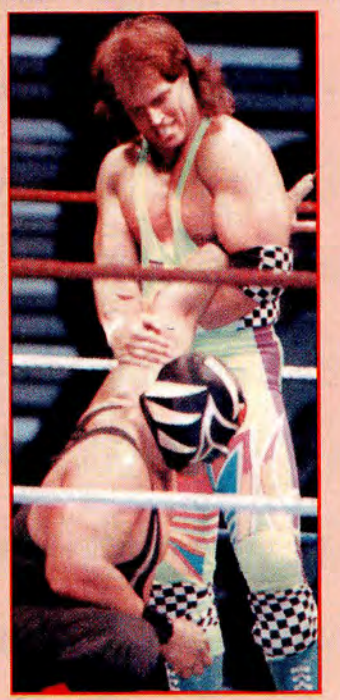
185 JOHN RAMBO (6'2", 260, 7, 200) Veteran of Pacific Northwest has drifted from patriot to rulebreaker and allied with the hated Col. DeBeers ... Also has competed in Europe and Japan ... Lists favorite hold as "anything that works."

186 BRUISER BRIAN COX (6'2", 300, 3, 229) Formerly known solely as Bruiser Brian ... Idaho Falls, Idaho, native who loves to use the power bomb ... A regular in Pacific Northwest ... Solid tag team wrestler.

187 SUMITO (6'3", 288, 3, 173) Samoan continues steady progress ... Very tenacious competitor, with an excellent headbutt ... Can bench press 500 pounds ... In Pacific Northwest independents and northern California ... Has also wrestled in Japan.

188 MIL MASCARAS (5'11", 245, 30, 127) The most famous Mexican wrestler in history ... Name means "Man Of 1,000 Masks" ... Still wrestles frequently, using his famed flying bodypress ... Senior Editor Bill Apter's all-time favorite wrestler.

189 SPARKY PLUGG (6'1", 231, 1, NL) Popular WWF newcomer races cars in spare time ... Native of Talladega, Alabama ... Uses top rope splash finisher that he calls the "pit-stop plunge" ... Still very prone to costly mistakes.



190 MANNY FERNANDEZ (6', 245, 16, 293) Has held NWA World tag team titles with Dusty Rhodes and Rick Rude ... "Raging Bull" never backs down from anybody ... Has seen better days ... In Florida independents and IWCCW.

191 DEAN MALENKO (5'9", 216, 14, 150) Competes in Japan ... Son of famed rulebreaker Boris Malenko, but wrestles in the aerial Japanese style ... Former WCW competitor ... Brother Joe and sister Debbie recently retired from Japanese wrestling.

192 DOINK II (6', 235, NA, 134) Clone came out from under the ring and onto independents after WWF ruled there could only be one Doink ... Clown even was in a tag team with yet *another* Doink!

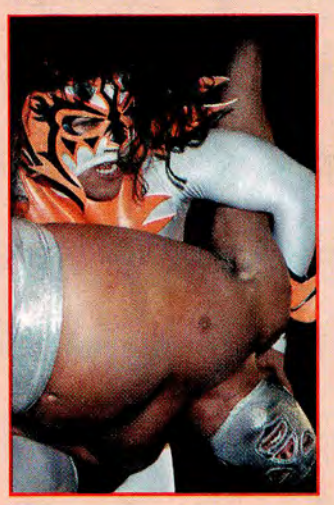
193 KILLER KYLE (6'2", 292, 6, 231) Now better known in Smoky Mountain as Bruiser Bedlam's occasional tag team partner ... Powerful, mysterious man in black ... Managed by Jim Cornette, was also his bodyguard ... Still in prime of career.

194 SCOTT ARMSTRONG (6'1", 212, 11, 147) Has lately teamed with brother Steve against Smoky Mountain tag team champs Brian Lee and Chris Candido ... Excellent superkick ... Smallish, not a high-flyer like Steve or brother Brad.

195 TERRY TAYLOR (6'1", 225, 14, 177) Resurfaced in WCW ... Wrestled as Terrence Taylor and The Red Rooster over the years ... Solid technical wrestler ... Best years are probably behind him, but is smart and could surprise.

196 DICK MURDOCH (6'4", 280, 25, 196) Mean old coot ... One of the toughest of brawlers ... He and Adrian Adonis won WWF World tag team title in 1984 ... In ECW and other independents, also occasionally in Japan.

197 PSICOSIS (5'10", 200, 3, NL) Youngest name wrestler in AAA ... Current welterweight champion ... Daredevil style comparable to Sabu or Jushin Liger, but has better ring speed than either ... Tijuana native idolized Liger in his youth.



198 AXIS THE DEMOLISHER (6'2", 303, 7, 226) Was founding member of Demolition when known as Ax ... Now often appears on independents in Georgia and surrounding states ... He and Smash were WWF tag team contenders.

199 WAHOO McDANIEL (5'11", 250, 33, 194) Currently feuding with Ivan Koloff in Mid-Atlantic ... Former U.S. champion and pro football player ... Presented WWF star Tatanka with ceremonial headdress in honor of his Native American heritage.

200 BARRY WINDHAM (6'5", 273, 14, 11) Re-emerged from serious knee injury to become Ric Flair's "mystery opponent," losing at Slamboree ... Former NWA champion has solid superplex and clawhold ... Could regain elite status once he recovers and wrestles regularly.

201 JERRY ESTRADA (5'10", 220, 17, NL) One of Mexican wrestling's most respected veterans ... Pound-for-pound, has superb power moves ... Can suplex two wrestlers at once ... Feuding with Heavy Metal ... Has held numerous titles.

202 MIKEY WHIPWRECK (5'7", 181, 1, NL) 18-year-old rookie shocked ECW fans, clamping Pit Bull Psycho Mike for TV title ... Takes tremendous beating, but usually wins when opponent hits referee ... Cheer, and pray, for him.

203 GEORGE SOUTH (6'2", 234, 12, 274) "Gorgeous George" currently holds PWF tag title with former rival Italian Stallion ... Rulebreaker turned fan favorite ... Has great determination in the ring ... Extremely active in charitable causes.

204 DANE RUSH (6'6", 255, 2, 207) One of the Pacific Northwest's more physical grapplers ... Size is deceiving; he also can work off the top rope when needed ... Best finishing move is the spinning thrust kick.

205 JACK HAMMER (6'6", 325, 3, NL) Has won heavyweight and Intercontinental titles in suburban Philadelphia's WWWA ... Has also competed in Caribbean and New Jersey independents ... Was trained by The Wild Samoans ... Diamond Mike is his devious manager.

206 ABBUDAH SINGH (6'2", 310, 2, NL) This sadistic monster was discovered and "trained" by Larry Sharpe ... Appears in Eastern independents ... Currently feuding with Abdullah the Butcher ... Loves all speciality matches and his opponent's blood.

207 ROCCO ROCK (6'2", 251, NA, NL) Part of current ECW tag team champs Public Enemy, along with Johnny Grunge ... Hails from "the hood," but won't say which one ... Currently feuding with Terry and Dory Funk Jr.

208 MO (6'1", 260, 3, 195) Mabel's partner in Men on a Mission, who briefly were WWF World tag team champions ... While injured, Mabel discovered his solo ability. Is a split possible? ... Extremely strong, but undisciplined.

JOHNNY GRUNGE

209 JOHNNY GRUNGE (6'3", 263, NA, NL) The other half of ECW tag champs Public Enemy ... Brings urban street life philosophy into the ring with him, needs it in ECW ... Brutal and bloody feud with the Funks.

210 JOHN HAWK (6'7", 285, 2, 301) Former Los Angeles Raiders tackle ... One of Gen. Skandor Akbar's Roughriders ... Shared Global tag title with Bobby Duncum Jr. ... Famed for "Lariat" clothesline ... Hails from Sweetwater, Texas (Barry Windham's hometown).

211 RON GARVIN (6'2", 231, 29, 296) Beat Ric Flair for NWA World title in 1987 ... "Hands Of Stone" still a fixture on the independent scene ... Excellent punching power ... Has lost a step or two.

212 TERRY GORDY (6'4", 289, 14, 43) Back in Global with The Freebirds, feuding with John Hawk and Black Bart ... Held WCW World tag team title with Steve Williams in 1992-93 ... Brawler frequently competes in Japan.

213 ITALIAN STALLION (6'3", 260, 11, 217) Gave up PWF heavyweight title to share tag title with George South ... Currently feuding with Austin Steele ... Has wrestled at WWF TV tapings ... Still holds world record for spaghetti-eating!

214 LIZMARK (5'6", 190, 19, NL) Stocky native of Acapulco, current Mexican light heavyweight champion ... In early-40s, but you'd never know it from his ring speed ... He and Lizmark Jr. feuding with the Guerrera family.

215 FIREFIGHTER ADRIAN (5'9", 230, NA, NL) Current West Coast Championship Wrestling mid-heavyweight titleholder ... Has strong upper body and above-average speed ... Captured title in lumberjack match, defeating Randy Tyler ... Philadelphia native.

216 CARLOS COLON (5'10", 246, 29, NL) Retired last August, but pull of the ring proved too great ... Most popular wrestler in Puerto Rican history ... Has held WWC Universal title many times ... Feuded with Abdullah the Butcher.

217 MOADIB (6'4", 306, NA, NL) Global contender, from the desert of northeastern Africa ... Discovered by Gen. Skandor Akbar ... Tough, big, strong ... Continuing to improve his skills ... Rulebreaker has good future ahead of him.

MOADIB

218 SCOTTY McKEEVER (6'1", 220, 2, 283) Currently teams with Scotty Hot Body as The Heartbreakers and reign as ICW tag team champs ... Has made several appearances on WCW telecasts ... Currently feuding with The Pretty Young Things.

219 IRISH MICKEY DOYLE (5'11", 221, 24, 323) Veteran from Michigan with a superb piledriver ... Has won many regional titles, facing opponents such as Killer Brooks and Greg Valentine ... 1971 NWA Rookie of the Year is still going strong.

220 ACTION JACKSON (6'2", 297, 10, NL) Native of Texarkana, Arkansas, has done well in Global Wrestling Federation ... Has intensely feuded with Iceman Parsons, resulting in some unusual matches ... A big favorite among Texas fans.

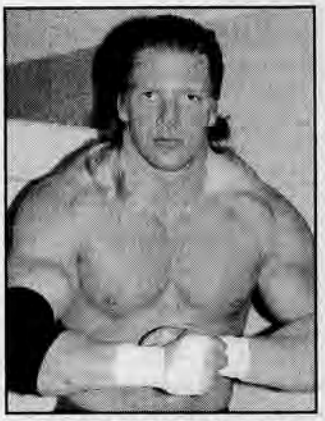
221 COL. DeBEERS (6'1", 248, 16, 96) Obnoxious South African who has despicable, racist political beliefs ... Has wrestled in Pacific Northwest in recent years ... Violent feud with Jimmy Snuka has become legendary.

222 FRIENDLY FRANK FINNEGAN (6'5", 588, 1, NL) At that size, be glad he considers himself friendly ... The reigning WWA heavyweight champion ... Has feuded with another behemoth, former WWF star King Kong Bundy.

223 PERRO AGUAYO (5'10", 215, 25, NL) One of Mexico's greats ... Extremely popular, renowned for his enthusiasm ... Has held countless light heavyweight titles ... Also a champion in Japan, Puerto Rico, and California.

224 KANE (6'1", 244, 5, 202) Part of WCW's Harlem Heat tag team ... Formerly Stevie Ray, was Global heavyweight champion for much of 1993 ... Enthusiastic, popular with fans ... Adept at both singles and tag wrestling.

225 JEAN-PAUL LeVEQUE (6'5", 279, 3, NL) Improving WCW rulebreaker formerly wrestled under the name Terra Ryzing ... Boston native, trained by Killer Kowalski ... Painful inverted Indian deathlock finisher ... Grew up idolizing Ric Flair.



JEAN-PAUL LEVEQUE

226 TEX SLAZENGER (6'7", 310, 4, 178) Always gives his all but virtually never beats WCW contenders ... Brawler best known as tag teammate of Shanghai Pierce, but is wrestling more solo matches these days ... Excellent Texas deathdrop.

227 T. RANTULA (7', 315, 3, NL) ACW heavyweight champ ... Regularly accompanied to the ring by his manager, The Black Widow ... Nicknamed "The Giant" ... Awesome powerslam has done in many opponents.

228 OCTAGON (5'5", 160, 6, NL) AAA tag champion is Mexico's answer to Hulk Hogan and Sting ... Biggest merchandise seller in Mexico—many young children have Octagon masks ... Combines high-flying moves with martial arts.

229 LA PARKA (6'1", 235, 7, NL) Mexican rulebreaker wrestles in skeleton costume ... Tag team partner of Psicosis ... Will take incredible punishment in ring, but compensates with flying skill ... One of AAA's biggest draws.

230 TIM HORNER (5'10", 235, 10, 67) Out of Smoky Mountain, into independents ... Incredibly quick, with extensive Japanese experience ... Might have problems against bigger opponents ... Won two Southern independent tag team titles in successive nights.

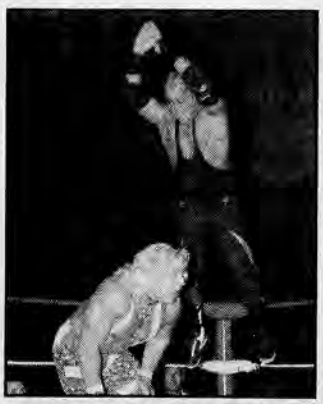
231 J.T. SMITH (6', 238, 4, 175) Philadelphia native popular with ECW fans ... Makes most of quickness with dropkicks, off-the-rope maneuvers ... Should only get better in years to come ... Former Tri-State champion.

232 GIANT BABA (7', 315, 33, 304) All-Japan legend now competes on a limited basis ... Won NWA title three times ... Among the first wrestlers of his stature to excel ... Famed "big foot" kick and judo chops.

233 RON HARRIS (6'5", 257, 10, 93) A big brawler, as is Bruise Brother Don Harris ... Former Pacific Northwest champion ... Brothers were Smoky Mountain tag team champs ... Style is reminiscent of Bruiser Brody.

234 DAN DAVIS (5'9", 218, 17, 138) Current CWA light heavyweight champion ... Cagey veteran; favorite move is Japanese armbar ... This Dan Davis won a title in Global, but is not the same wrestler who's currently competing there.

235 VAMPIRE WARRIOR (6'3", 256, 6, 165) Mysterious fanged rulebreaker wrestles in Florida independents and Japan ... Close friend of Luna Vachon ... Beat Jeff Jarrett for USWA Southern title in 1993 ... Still on the upswing.



VAMPIRE WARRIOR

236 HAYSTACKS CALHOUN JR. (6'4", 526, 4, 391) Has won Florida Wrestling Alliance title ... Claims to be son of you-know-who ... Whether or not that's the case, he's nowhere as good a wrestler.

237 DON HARRIS (6'4", 260, 6, 91) He and twin brother Ron comprise The Bruise Brothers ... Former Smoky Mountain tag team champions now compete in ECW ... As strong as his size would indicate.

238 SGT. SLAUGHTER (6'3", 310, 17, NL) Former WWF World champ and Marine drill instructor recently returned to federation ... Feuding with Pierre ... Switched loyalties to Iraq during Persian Gulf War, now a fan favorite again ... Exceptional clothesline.

239 KEVIN VON ERICH (6'2", 235, 16, 170) Infrequently wrestles on independent cards ... Lone survivor of the ill-fated Von Erich brothers, and has had to cope with countless tragedies ... Excellent clawhold ... Always a tenacious competitor.

240 JOE SAVOLDI (6', 220, 14, 160) Has been respected along the Eastern independent circuit for years ... A career scientific wrestler, son of former NWA junior heavyweight champion Angelo Savoldi ... Former IWCCW light heavyweight champion.

241 MOHAMMED HUSSEIN (5'11", 260, 10, 219) WWC rulebreaker notorious for throwing fireballs ... Is currently feuding with La Ley ... Has been on several champion tag teams in the federation ... Has competed in Memphis, WCW, ICW, and Japan.

242 DUSTY WOLFE (5'10", 230, 7, 251) Formerly in WWC, now wrestles around the globe, including India and South Africa ... Intelligent veteran of many federations ... Competed as Dale Wolfe in the WWF.

243 JAMIE DUNDEE (5'8", 195, 3, 485) One-half of the USWA tag champs with Wolfie D, known as PG-13 ... Son of legendary Bill Dundee ... Wrestled women's champ Miss Texas last year ... Memphis mainstay.

244 911 (6'7", 310, 1, NL) Brought into ECW by manager Paul E. Dangerously as Sabu's personal handler ... Now more than just a bodyguard ... Awesome choke slam ... Rumors persist that he and Mr. Hughes may soon be feuding.

911

245 MONGOLIAN STOMPER (6'2", 235, 31, 284) A Southern wrestling institution ... Former rulebreaker now a beloved, unpredictable fan favorite ... Southern States Wrestling heavyweight champion despite age ... Based in Knoxville, Tennessee, often travels to nearby cards by bicycle!

246 SUPER DELFAN (5'7", 170, 5, NL) Went 7-3 in recent junior heavyweight tournament, losing finals to Jushin Liger ... Exceptionally quick, with an explosive DDT ... Top rival of The Great Sasuke ... Victims include Eddy Guerrero.

247 TIGER MASK (5'6", 220, 20, NL) The most popular Japanese wrestler ever in Mexico ... Tremendously influential in developing aerial wrestling ... Ended nine-year retirement in spring, was somewhat competitive ... Held NWA, WWF junior heavyweight titles simultaneously.

TIGER MASK

248 RON CUMBERLEDGE (6'1", 235, 6, 230) Respected Midwest independent, has won titles in Western Ohio and elsewhere ... Has beaten Jerry Lawler and also appeared in WCW, WWF ... Superb dropkick ... Currently managed by business maven Laura Forbes.

249 CUBAN ASSASSIN (6'1", 246, 15, 289) In Florida and Texas independents, among other places ... Also known as Top Gun Assassin ... Has trained wrestlers in his spare time ... Teamed with Ricky Santana in WWF tryout.

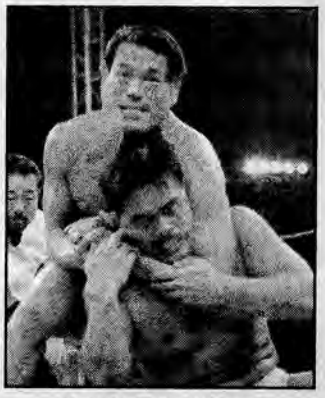
250 KENDO NAGASAKI (6', 250, 23, NL) Veteran brawler in NOW promotion ... Has a very tough reputation, but slightly past his prime at this point ... Competed around the world a decade ago ... Once managed by J.J. Dillon in Florida.

251 HERCULES (6'2", 255, 14, 88) He and Scott Norton lost IWGP tag team belts to Kensuke Sasaki and Hawk in January ... One-time WWF competitor is also a former NAWA champ ... Popular in New Japan.

252 BART GUNN (6'3", 256, 2, 300) Women fans especially love him and brother Billy ... Blends power and speed ... The Smokin' Gunns are going through sophomore jinx in WWF, but can't be counted out yet.

253 CHAZ TAYLOR (6'1", 217, 4, 123) Among the up-and-comers in Texas wrestling ... One-time Global light heavyweight champion ... Son of famed Lone Star wrestler Tugboat Taylor ... High flyer, with dynamic closing "Chaztisor" move.

254 ANTONIO INOKI (6'4", 240, 34, NL) A Japanese legend ... Stunned The Great Muta this spring despite his age ... Famed for wrestling Muhammad Ali in 1976 ... Member of Japanese parliament, currently embroiled in a political scandal.



ANTONIO INOKI

255 VAMPIRO CANADIENSE (6'3", 235, 5, NL) Among the world's highest-paid wrestlers ... Women love him ... Has long braided hair and tattoos ... From Thunder Bay, Ontario ... Former UWA heavyweight champ a great draw in recent years.

256 BILLY GUNN (6'3", 256, 2, 298) He and brother Bart comprise WWF tag team The Smokin' Gunns ... Made a splash in 1993, but Gunns have stalled of late ... Excellent physique ... In for the long haul.

257 TONY RUMBLE (6'4", 260, 8, NL) "Boston Bad Boy" is the Century Wrestling Alliance's current New England heavyweight champion ... Recognized throughout East Coast independents ... Leader of The Brotherhood, which includes Tony Atlas, Tasmaniac, and Troublemaker.

258 AL PEREZ (6'1", 239, 12, 131) Tampa native whose looks make him popular with female fans ... Older brother of Lou Perez ... Former WCCW champion, has also competed in Global ... Has drifted between fan favorite and rulebreaker.

259 STEVE KEIRN (6', 230, 21, NL) Veteran competitor now in WCW with Bobby Eaton on Bad Attitude tag team ... Solid, fundamentally sound wrestler ... Native of Tampa, Florida ... Was in The Fabulous Ones with Stan Lane.

260 KOLE (5'11", 250, 4, 182) Smooth, high-flying star of WCW's Harlem Heat ... Formerly in Global, where he was known as Booker T ... He and Kane (Stevie Ray) were once The Ebony Experience in GWF.

261 BLACK BART (6'4", 261, 14, 136) One of Gen. Skandor Akbar's Roughriders in Global ... Brawling rulebreaker from the Pecos ... A former World Class champion ... Had a notorious feud with Bill Irwin in 1992.

262 TOSHIAKI KAWADA (5'10", 230, 13, 201) Still among the elite in All-Japan ... Solid, consistent wrestler who gets the job done, rarely beats himself ... Former tag team champion with Akira Taue ... Never known for his flashiness.

263 LIGHTNING (6'3", 280, 3, 305) This guy teamed with Thunder (surprise!) in WCW, now in Florida independents ... They are former IWF tag team champs ... Idolizes Blackjack Mulligan ... Master of "Lightning bolt," suplexes.

264 BUSHWHACKER BUTCH (5'8", 238, 29, 179) Unpredictable New Zealander who has teamed with Bushwhacker Luke since their days as The Sheepherders ... Veteran duo still gives WWF tag team rivals fits ... More skilled than you might think.

265 MOONDOG SPOT (6'2", 298, 18, 157) One of the original members of the Moondogs, wrestling regularly again in USWA ... Has been with team since 1978 ... Currently, a fan favorite(!) teaming with Brian Christopher.

MOONDOG SPOT

266 PAPA SHANGO (6'6", 340, 5, 164) Hulking voodoo master formerly competed in WWF and was briefly USWA champion in 1993 ... Infrequently wrestles in Japan and in Southern independents ... Violent, but inconsistency has hampered career.

267 BUSHWHACKER LUKE (5'10", 235, 29, 188) Hard to believe he and Bushwhacker Butch have been around so long ... WWF veterans are raucous, intimidating, unpredictable ... No rival tag team can afford to take them lightly.

268 SHANGHAI PIERCE (6'6", 281, 5, 199) He and tag teammate Tex Slazenger work hard, but never quite find a way to beat WCW's elite ... Very good side suplex ... Might be better off as an independent.

269 RICK JUSTICE (5'9", 215, 3, NL) Power House Wrestling light heavyweight champion ... Up-and-comer, someone to keep your eyes on ... Very effective mat wrestler ... Will he ever change his name to Rick Vicious? Probably not.

270 DIAMOND DALLAS PAGE (6'5", 260, 3, NL) Former Freebird manager has been seen at WCW TV tapings this past year ... Don't forget, he finished first runner-up in *PWI's* 1992 Rookie of the Year balloting ... "See Ya!"

DIAMOND DALLAS PAGE

271 FLASH FLANAGAN (6'2", 221, 1, NL) Championship Wrestling from America's newest high-flying star ... Gathering experience and challenging Mike Samples for the Indiana-based federation's title ... Hard worker, will only get better.

272 MIKE SHARPE (6'2", 271, 21, NL) Part-time WWF competitor was top contender to Bob Backlund's World title in early-1980s ... Cocky brawler ... Wears black (allegedly loaded) forearm guard ... Great trash-talker inside the ring.

273 STEVEN DANE (6', 232, 7, 149) Dallas native competes in Global and other federations in Texas ... Solid, respectable wrestler, though not a recent title contender ... Formerly known as Steven Casey.

274 JERRY LYNN (5'10", 230, 6, 181) Upper Midwest star in PWA and Nu-Age Wrestling ... Magnificent balance and reflexes ... Quick light heavyweight ... Faced Brett Striker in a rainstorm but would not compromise his high-flying style.

275 EVAD SULLIVAN (6'3", 250, 3, 205) Formerly "The Equalizer," now sidelined with leg injury ... In WCW, claiming to be Kevin Sullivan's dyslexic brother ... Starred in Pacific Northwest, then Japan ... Crazed in the best Bruiser Brody tradition.

276 MICHELE STARR (6'3", 272, NA, NL) The "Gorgeous One" twice won WCCW title ... Feuding with Johnny Canuck in WCCW ... Seriously injured face after one match, but recovered ... Blond hair and makeup draws comparison to Adrian Street.

277 JIMMY VALIANT (6'3", 251, 24, 247) "Boogie Woogie Man" competes occasionally, but spends bulk of time at his wrestling school in rural Virginia ... Won WWF World tag team title with brother Johnny in 1974.

278 ROCKIN' REBEL (5'9", 219, 6, 246) Handsome, arrogant ECW rulebreaker who has feuded with The Sandman, among others ... Not quite the contender he was a year ago ... Learned his craft in the Caribbean.

ROCKIN' REBEL

279 WOLFIE D (6'1", 250, 3, 252) Current USWA tag champ with J.C. Ice as PG-13 ... Had falling-out with partner earlier in the year ... Still can wrestle solo, still as crazy as ever.

280 BEAU BEVERLY (6'4", 266, 6, 107) Also competes as Wayne Bloom ... Wrestles in Japan and in Twin Cities ... Formerly in WWF ... Teamed with Mike Enos (Blake Beverly) for AWA tag championship in 1989.

281 TERRY AUSTIN (6', 240, 3, 225) PWF rulebreaker still feuding with Italian Stallion ... He and Austin Steele are former PWF tag team champions ... Up-and-comer with the best slingshot suplex since Tully Blanchard's heyday.

282 JEFF GAYLORD (6'3", 280, 9, 211) Former Southern champion back in USWA, although only on periphery of title contention ... "Missouri Tiger" once played for NFL's Los Angeles Rams ... Superb backbreaker ... Won USWA tag team title with Jeff Jarrett.

283 CRUEL CONNECTION II (6', 255, 7, 189) Current PWF Intercontinental champion ... Among federation's most popular wrestlers ... Famed for green tights ... Had outstanding NWA feud with Lazor-Tron ... Formerly PWF tag team champion with Flaming Youth.

284 EL BRONCO I (5'11", 235, 8, 167) Has teamed with Invader I for two WWC tag team titles ... More recently, his partner has been Pulgarcito ... Masked Dominican from Santo Domingo ... El Bronco II disappeared.

285 BLAKE BEVERLY (6'4", 252, 6, 114) Also wrestles as Mike Enos ... More of a rulebreaker than "brother" Beau ... Was somewhat of a disappointment in the WWF ... Regularly competes on Japanese cards.

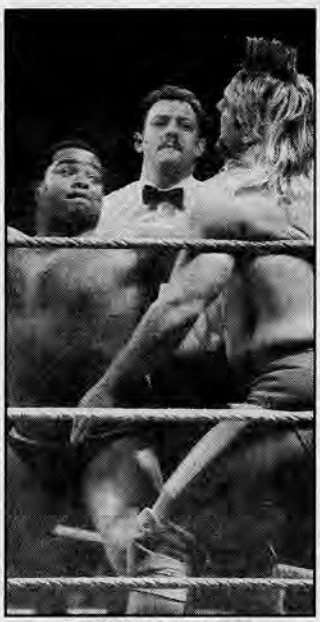
286 ROCKY DELLASERRA (5'11", 240, NA, NL) The current West Coast Champ, thanks to Timothy Flowers ... Hated rulebreaker in British Columbia ... Enters ring to the tune of the French national anthem ... Brutal.

287 THE INTRUDER (6'4", 220, NA, NL) Current Southern Championship Wrestling heavyweight champ ... Formerly in Carolina Championship Wrestling Alliance, where he was U.S. champion, and Georgia All-Star Wrestling ... Tough competitor hails from parts unknown.

288 THE IRON SHEIK (6', 262, 21, 218) Rulebreaker competes in independents and Japan ... Famed as WWF World champion between Bob Backlund and Hulk Hogan, although his reign was all of 28 days ... Former Iranian Olympian.

289 MOONDOG SPIKE (6'2", 344, 5, 286) Woof! ... Knows no wrestling holds whatsoever, yet still causes havoc in USWA ... Has held tag team belts with fellow Moondog Cujo ... Slovenly, vile, violent, repulsive—you choose the adjectives.

290 PEZ WHATLEY (5'10", 245, 19, 212) Frequently competes on Southern independent cards ... Has WWF experience ... Was known as Pistol in USWA and rulebreaking Shaska in South Atlantic ... A tough veteran respected by all.



PEZ WHATLEY

291 RAYMOND ROUGEAU (6', 233, 22, NL) WWF broadcaster returned to the mat sport on part-time basis ... Rescued brother Jacques from attack by former partner Pierre and former manager Johnny Polo ... Still extremely popular in Canada.

292 TONY STETSON (5'10", 238, 9, 174) Recently of ECW, now in other independent federations ... Has defeated former WWF World champion Ivan Koloff ... Feuded with former champion tag team partner Larry Winters, among others.

293 JIM POPE (6', 225, 3, 186) Up-and-coming star in Pacific Northwest ... Gresham, Oregon, native whose favorite move is suplex off the top rope ... Strong competitor despite his small size.

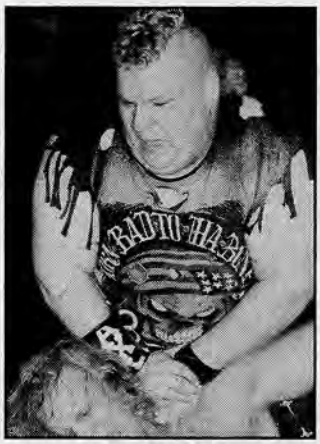
294 DIAMOND TIMOTHY FLOWERS (6', 243, NA, NL) Former West Coast Championship Wrestling kingpin, but handed title to Rocky Dellaserra after his victory ... Sports many scars and wounds from his many cage matches ... Also competes in the UWA.

295 BRYANT ANDERSON (6', 240, 1, NL) Son of Ole, nephew of Gene and Lars ... Considers himself a scientific wrestler, but not necessarily a fan favorite ... Wrestled Rick Steamboat, Terry Taylor, and others in WCW ... Good shoulderbreaker.

296 BART SAWYER (6', 222, 4, 223) *Ay caramba!* This speedy Pacific Northwest star is really named Steve, but got the nickname because he resembles animation's Bart Simpson ... Also has USWA experience.

297 JUNGLE JIM STEELE (6'2", 243, 1, NL) Exciting young WCW grappler ... Resembles Ultimate Warrior in appearance, though not in style ... Very quick ... Favorite maneuver is Thesz-press ... Not a serious title contender yet.

298 AXL ROTTEN (6'2", 302, 6, 275) He and brother Ian (Bad Breed) are back in ECW after USWA stint ... Nasty rulebreaker, with unusual speed for someone his size ... Formerly feuded with Nikolai Volkoff.



AXL ROTTEN

299 P.J. WALKER (6', 225, 2, NL) WWF preliminary wrestler known for upset of Irwin R. Schyster on *Monday Night Raw* ... Trained by Hart family ... Also competes in New England independents and occasionally in WCW ... Very enthusiastic.

300 RUSSIAN ASSASSIN II (6'2", 243, 7, 317) PWF heavyweight champ still carries the old Soviet flag with him to ringside ... No one is safe from this brutal and relentless competitor ... Remains in contact with former manager Paul Jones.

301 IAN ROTTEN (6', 294, 4, 277) Even less of a scientific wrestler than Bad Breed brother Axl ... Formerly Zak Blades, wearing a hockey mask ... Never known to wrestle cleanly ... Briefly in USWA, now back in ECW.

302 THE COBRA (5'9", 228, 8, NL) Two-time Nu-Age light heavyweight champion ... Discovered by legendary Native American Wahoo McDaniel ... Favorite move is the cobra clutch ... Also brings a 15-foot python into the ring, as you'd expect.

303 JIM POWERS (5'11", 235, 8, 279) Continues persevering in WWF, but hasn't ascended past mid-card status ... One-time tag teammate of Paul Roma ... Hard-working technical wrestler ... Wide array of moves ... Posts the periodic upset.

304 RYUMA GO (6', 255, 23, 242) Atsugi, Japan, native has done well in Pacific Northwest independents ... Physical competitor whose favorite hold is Japanese facelock ... Likes participating in six-man tag team matches.

RYUMA GO

305 TONY THE ANNIHILATOR (6', 305, 4, NL) Current Nu-Age heavyweight champ in Wisconsin and Upper Midwest ... Great power, but also has surprising agility ... Excels at handicap matches and car-lifting contests.

306 BOBBY FULTON (5'10", 220, 15, 204) Still regularly competes in Japan and U.S. independents ... Wrestled with Tommy Fulton as The Fantastics ... Intelligent competitor, has earned respect of rivals.

307 EL MASCARADO (5'10", 230, 7, NL) CWA light heavyweight champion ... A native of Puerto Rico ... Disciple of Mil Mascaras, down to the multiple masks he wears ... Smart and quick ... Favorite of Massachusetts fans.

308 FREIGHT TRAIN FREDDY (6'4", 305, 1, NL) Easily the most popular wrestler in the Tampa-based IPWA ... Just recently lost federation's Southeastern title to Billy Mac ... Keeps on chuggin' along.

309 MARC ASH (6'1", 205, 5, NL) "Mean Marc" is part of the MAW tag champs, The Pretty Young Things ... A two-time former ICW champion ... Feuded violently with Ivan Koloff and Iranian Butcher.

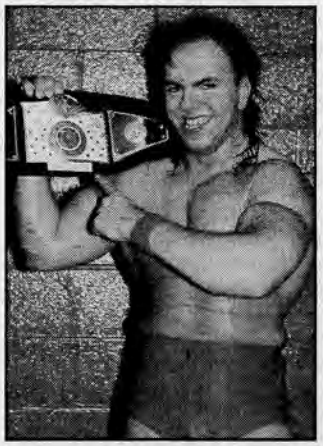
310 THUNDER (6'3", 280, 3, 208) Former "Mr. Orlando" teamed with Lightning to win IWF tag title ... Both are now in Florida independents after WCW stint ... Favorite holds are "Thunderbolt" and powerslam ... Atlanta native enjoys fishing.

311 JIMMY DEO (6'1", 327, 7, 216) Periodically competes in Pennsylvania independents ... "Maniac" is a big, burly brawler and a smarter wrestler than he appears to be ... Has feuded with Neil Superior over the years.

312 DEKE RIVERS (6'2", 245, 10, NL) U.S. champ in All-States Wrestling promotion ... Won't back down from any challengers ... Been known to show a violent temper ... Strong reputation throughout the Southern independents.

313 KILLER BROOKS (6', 254, 27, 239) Another one of those Texas brawlers who simply doesn't mellow with age ... Cigar chomper regularly appears on Lone Star state independent cards ... Loves to cause mayhem.

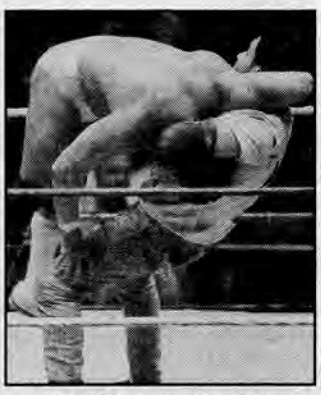
314 TONY ROY (6'2", 235, 5, NL) Montreal native is current IWF champion in New England ... Famed for his tremendous dropkick ... Big fan of NHL's Montreal Canadiens ... Not related to Habs goalie Patrick?



TONY ROY

315 TONY FALK (6'1", 240, 11, 234) On the lower reaches of USWA cards ... Used to referee as well as wrestle, but has more or less given that up ... Former rulebreaker turned fan favorite ... Somewhat talented.

316 FRANKIE ROSE (5'9", 245, 8, 255) Respected Florida independent competitor, in the IPWA and elsewhere ... Very knowledgeable, knows all the holds ... Had an outstanding feud and great matches with Lord of Discipline during 1993.



STEVE LOMBARDI

317 STEVE LOMBARDI (6', 233, 9, 306) WWF veteran also appears on independent cards ... "Brooklyn Brawler" works hard and is popular with fans, but can't escape lower-card status ... Once managed by Bobby "The Brain" Heenan.

318 BARRY HOROWITZ (5'10", 227, 15, 333) "The Winner"? He's evidently never heard of truth in advertising ... Veteran competitor twice held Global light heavyweight title ... Did little in WCW, less in the WWF ... Also in independents.

319 HORACE BOULDER (6'2", 240, 4, 338) Hulk Hogan's nephew ... Nowhere as successful, but does well in Florida independents ... Has competed in Japan, and was Sabu's partner when they won FMW tag team title.

HORACE BOULDER

320 GLEN OSBOURNE (6'2", 265, 5, NL) Former ECW competitor is now contending for T. Rantula's ACW championship ... Nearly defeated Rantula in a thrilling best-of-three falls contest recently ... Excellent technical wrestler.

321 MOHAMMED THE BUTCHER (6'2", 290, 7, 206) Maims and tortures like Abdullah, but this lookalike does his butchery in Florida independents ... Not a very adept technical wrestler at all, not even by Abdullah's standards.

322 DANIE BRITS (6', 235, 11, 406) Veteran amateur champion in South Africa, getting more opportunity to face top-flight opposition with the end of apartheid ... Feuded with Tiger Jeet Singh ... Has competed in WWC.

323 SCOTT D'AMORE (6', 232, 2, 440) Just out of his teens ... Talented "Bluto" has already appeared on WWF and WCW cards ... Trained by Irish Mickey Doyle, competes in Motor City Wrestling ... Has beaten Al Snow.

324 SCOTTY SUMMERS (6'1", 250, 7, 434) "Hot Body" has been in ECW and Motor City Wrestling, where he's teamed with Johnny Paradise ... Cleveland native won Ohio title in 1991 ... Former tag teammate of Ron Cumberledge.

325 BILLY TRAVIS (5'10", 218, 14, 139) Has returned to USWA after WWA stint ... Likeable fan favorite who briefly became guitar-swinging rulebreaker ... Has also appeared in WWC ... Talented native of Houston.

326 KEITH COLE (6'2", 235, 2, 187) He and twin brother Kent wrestled in WCW, with relatively little impact ... Now in independents, including NWA ... Native of Huntington Beach, California, has a "beach boy" look ... Good armbar.

327 IRANIAN BUTCHER (6'2", 220, 16, NL) This veteran of the independent circuit is the reigning ICW champion ... Defeated Marc Ash to claim that title ... His father actually was an Iranian butcher.

328 MASKED MANIAC (6'3", 300, 1, NL) Pro Wrestling Federation's master of the bearhug ... Has traveled the globe gaining experience during rookie year ... Making progress ... Tights resemble those worn by Giant Gonzales in WWF *(yikes!)*.

329 JOHNNY CANUCK (6'2", 356, NA, NL) The "Lumberjack" is former WCCW tag team champion with Michele Starr ... Now violently feuding with Starr after losing those belts, engaging in hair vs. hair and steel cage matches.

330 METAL MANIAC (6'2", 268, 3, 250) Has wrestled all over the world, including Japan, Singapore, and U.S. independents ... Famed for his bearhug and flying elbowsmash ... Wears war paint to psych out opponents.

METAL MANIAC

331 BOY GONE BAD (6'1", 267, 9, NL) Looking to regain WWA strap from Friendly Frank Finnegan ... Managed by Tricky Nicky ... Turned from rulebreaker to fan favorite more times than Lex Luger ... Five-time WWA champion.

332 DAN SEVERN (6'2", 265, 2, 389) World-class amateur wrestler finally making successful transition to the professional game ... Michigan native has a Pan-Am Games gold medal, among other titles and honors ... Respected in Japan, Midwest independents.

333 KEN PATERA (6'1", 256, 21, 281) Former U.S. Olympic weightlifter held WWF Intercontinental belt for 7½ months in 1980 ... Was part of two AWA tag team champions ... In twilight of distinguished career.

334 DANIE VOGES (6'5", 265, 16, 413) Tag team partner of countryman Danie Brits, trained by the famed Jan Wilkens ... Has wrestled around the world, including in Puerto Rico's WWC ... Noted for his toughness.

335 JACKIE FULTON (5'11", 225, 6, 237) Bobby's younger brother is now his tag teammate ... Slightly taller, heavier, and stronger than Bobby, but doesn't have his ring savvy yet ... Frequently competes in Southern independents.

336 BILLY BLACK (6', 237, 5, 262) Often competes in Japan, frequently having Joel Deaton as a partner ... Former Georgia TV champion employs an aerial style ... Considered somewhat underrated ... Popular with Asian fans.

337 SPIDER I (6'3", 260, 5, NL) He and Spider II are the number-one contenders to the WWA tag team title ... Two-time former WWA champ ... Has also wrestled in the USWA and elsewhere.

338 KENT COLE (6'2", 235, 2, 190) Keith's twin ... Brothers now in NWA and other independents after WCW stay fizzled ... Best move is the dropkick ... Fan of Dusty Rhodes in his youth ... Could bounce back.

339 AL HARDIMON (6'2", 235, 5, NL) The "Wild Thang" is former Florida Wrestling Federation champ ... Extensive martial arts training ... Feuded with Lou Perez, Mondo Kleen, and Hercules ... Tag partner of Blackjack Mulligan.

340 LONE STAR (5'9", 235, 3, NL) He and partner Rick Conners are current SWA tag team champions ... From parts unknown, though we're tempted to believe he's from Texas ... Masked, mean, calculating, and sinister.

341 RICK CONNERS (6', 240, 31, 260) Veteran of the Tennessee independent scene, has fought virtually everybody ... Unparalleled rulebreaking skills ... Among the craftiest of wrestlers ... Shares SWA tag team title with partner Lone Star.

342 MORGUS THE MANIAC (6'3", 239, 4, 184) Recently beat Nailz for one of his biggest victories ... Accompanied by doctor and nurse into ring ... Has fallen out with numerous tag team partners over inability to comprehend the rules.

343 MOOSE MONTANA (5'10", 275, 3, NL) Known in CWA as "New Hampshire Nightmare" (he's from Salem) ... Former New England heavyweight champion ... Son of famed wrestler Bull Montana, who is also his manager ... Has a devastating DDT.

344 CHI CHI CRUZ (6'3", 235, 8, NL) Three-time West Four Wrestling Alliance heavyweight champion ... Currently involved in major feuds with both Kerry Brown and Stan Saxon ... Proved himself against top-notch opposition throughout Canada.

345 NED BRADY (6'2", 245, 6, NL) The "Nasty One" ranks among the most dangerous wrestlers ever to appear on the Florida independent scene ... Rulebreaker turned fan favorite, now involved in a heated feud with Cuban Assassin.

346 MONGOLIAN MAULER (6'2", 303, 10, 257) Black-eyed protege of Abdullah the Butcher was briefly in WCW under Col. Robert Parker, then quickly left ... A pure brawler who likes hurting people ... Often in Europe.

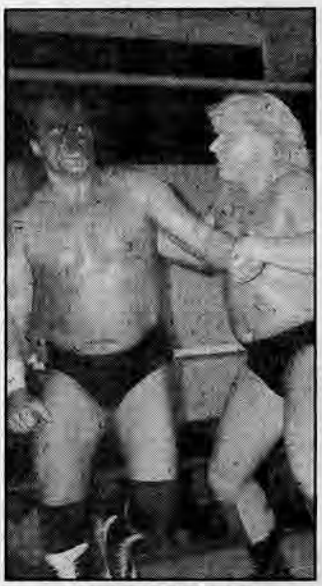
347 FLAMING YOUTH (5'11", 230, 3, 235) Still teaming with Cruel Connection II in PWF, but has held junior heavyweight title several times ... Enthusiastic fan favorite ... Keep an eye on him—this could be his year.

348 BLACK SCORPION (6'1", 247, 5, 310) Intense competitor now feuding with Cruel Connection II over PWF Intercontinental title ... Many fans still know little about him.

349 THE HONKY TONK MAN (6'1", 256, 15, 320) "Double-J" before "Double-J" ... Still makes rounds of Southern independents as Elvis impersonator lookalike, still hated by fans ... Had longest tenure of any WWF Intercontinental champion.

350 DINO HERNANDEZ (5'11", 185, 6, 415) High-flying wrestler who is comfortable with both American and Mexican mat styles ... Has never been hampered by his relatively small size ... Competes on both sides of the border.

351 AUSTIN STEELE (6', 233, 3, 268) Up-and-coming PWF competitor thinks he's the true "Nature Boy" ... Feuding with Italian Stallion while trying to regain the PWF tag team belts with regular partner Terry Austin ... Aggressive style, with fine flying forearm.



AUSTIN STEELE

352 MASAYOSHI MOTEGI (5'11", 200, NA, 264) Was W*ING junior heavyweight champ before that promotion folded in Japan ... Now in fledgling Social Pro Wrestling Federation ... Has ECW experience ... Disciplined and sound, with superb aerial ability.

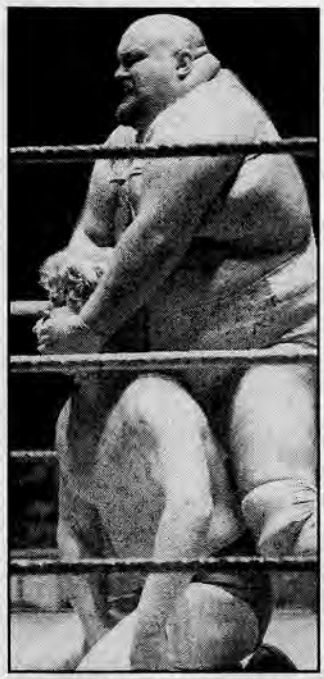
353 BIG D (6', 222, 3, 228) Was light heavyweight champion of now-defunct Big D federation ... Fan favorite now seeks new challenges ... Agile wrestler should continue to excel, but may need to leave Dallas-Fort Worth.

354 SPIDER II (6'2", 250, 1, NL) This masked man's main goal is to recapture the WWA tag team title with his partner, Spider I ... Watch out for that Silly String! ... Excellent top rope "Frankensteiner."

355 AWESOME KONG (6'4", 440, 5, 191) Wrestles in Texas independents ... Occasionally teams with Colossal Kong, his partner in WCW ... Bulky, undisciplined, but has an excellent splash ... Was briefly USWA champ in 1991.

356 DAMIAN DEMENTO (6'2", 258, 3, 266) Formerly of WWF, now frequently appears on independent cards in East and Midwest ... Has a good standing reverse neckbreaker ... Excels at kneedrops to the skull ... Young enough to bounce back.

357 BASTION BOOGER (6', 345, NA, 332) Was initially disgusting in WWF, then became merely ridiculous ... Now in Midwest independents ... Obese brawler who'd rather sit down with a large pizza than get a title shot.



BASTION BOOGER

358 GIANT GONZALES (7'7", 435, 4, 183) Tallest wrestler ever ... Has lately spent more time acting on TV (*Baywatch, Thunder In Paradise*) than in ring ... Ex-Argentine basketball player flopped in WCW and WWF ... Recently in Japan.

359 BRIAN WILLIAMS (5'11", 221, 1, NL) PWF rookie is quickly establishing himself ... Beat George South for the junior heavyweight title earlier in the year ... Already involved in ladder matches ... Too much too soon?

360 NEW JACK (6', 225, 2, 198) Now one of Smoky Mountain's Gangstas ... West Coast native has been part of tag team champions in Georgia and USWA ... Not much talent, but learning and gaining experience.

361 MIKE STONE (6'5", 315, 12, NL) Veteran has competed all over North America and in South Africa, has won numerous regional titles ... Recently returned to Canada, won River City Wrestling belt ... Relentless, will brawl with anyone.

362 FLEX WHEELER (5'10", 215, 3, 419) Eastern independent star now in CWA, WWA ... Top light heavyweight title contender ... Excellent acrobatic and technical skills ... Recent acquisition of The Cash Money Boys, has turned rulebreaker ... Native of Strong, Pennsylvania.

363 SAL BELLOMO (5'10", 240, 17, 227) Unpredictable veteran gradually recovering from serious injury suffered last summer ... Starred in WWF as Centurion Marsella ... Fan favorite famed in ECW for tossing stuffed animals into crowd.

SAL BELLOMO

364 KENDALL WINDHAM (6'5", 220, 10, 313) Younger brother of Barry Windham is a decent competitor in his own right ... Spindly by wrestling standards, but tough, with lots of ring savvy ... In Florida independents.

365 LANNY POFFO (6', 228, 20, 350) "The Genius" isn't quite as successful as older brother Randy Savage, but has done okay ... Skilled gymnast, with a fluid style ... In European independents.

366 SILVER KING II (5'9", 209, 16, 375) Native of Mexicali, Mexico, has teamed with Silver King I ... Briefly in WCW ... Intelligent mat veteran whose best hold is a figure-four ... One of Mexico's most respected competitors.

367 S.D. JONES (6'1", 240, 32, 372) Among the friendliest men in wrestling, but watch out for his headbutts! ... "Special Delivery" has plenty of experience ... Has competed in WWF, as well as IWCCW and Universal Wrestling Superstars.

368 DAN CHILDERS (6', 200, 3, NL) "Showtime" is CWA fan favorite ... Has wrestled extensively on independent scene ... Biggest win came in Danville, Kentucky, in 1992, when he defeated the USWA's Brian Christopher ... Continuing to learn.

369 BRETT STRIKER (6'1", 246, 3, NL) The "Nuclear Warhead" is the inaugural Nu-Age mid-heavyweight champ ... Daredevil talent, executes moonsaults and top-rope "Frankensteiners" ... Faced Sabu on a tour of the Orient.

370 TENNESSEE EQUALIZER (6', 256, 9, 426) A brawler with insatiable bloodlust whose face is always painted ... Tag team partner of Chic White as The Death Riders in Volunteer State independents ... Knowledgeable in the ring.

LEATHERFACE

371 LEATHERFACE (6'3", 280, 9, NL) Violent brawler has regularly appeared in Japan, the Caribbean's WWC, and in Mexico ... His style is not for those who didn't enjoy *Texas Chainsaw Massacre.*

372 DOUG GIBSON (6', 230, 5, NL) This Virginia native is the current MAWA heavyweight champion ... Defeated former WWF World champion Ivan Koloff for the belt in June ... Began his pro career at age 15.

373 THE SPIDER (6'3", 241, 7, 210) Has long starred in WWA ... Dangerous masked competitor excels at technical wrestling, but can brawl if the situation demands it ... Was briefly in USWA with Spider partner.

374 BUDDY ROSE (6', 399, 21, 346) "Playboy" remains popular in Pacific Northwest despite added age, weight ... Was a favorite of figure skater Tonya Harding in her youth ... Held AWA tag team title with Doug Somers in 1987.

375 FESTUS (5'10", 220, 16, NL) Returns to ratings after a one-year absence ... Has held all North Georgia titles over lengthy career ... Absolutely no scientific skills, but fans love him anyway ... Regularly on federation telecasts.

376 TERRY EMBRY (5'9", 225, 10, 459) No, no, no, he's *not* related to Eric! ... Champion of Kentucky-based Southern Wrestling Alliance ... Known as "Mr. Irresistible" ... Intense rivalry with Dutch Mantel ... Has new move, the "Irresistible Bomb."

377 CHICK DONOVAN (6', 245, 14, 368) Popular veteran in various Georgia independent federations ... Also spent a stint in World Class before moving to Peach State ... Powerful, muscular competitor is fundamentally sound.

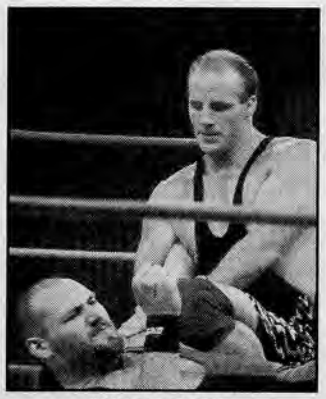
378 LOUIE SPICOLLI (5'10", 248, 5, NL) Billed as "Madonna's boyfriend," enters the ring to her song "Vogue" ... Tough American wrestler who regularly competes on Mexican AAA cards ... Often teams with "Diamond" Dallas Page.

LOUIE SPICOLLI

379 MAX THRASHER (6', 256, 7, 220) This two-time former ACW champion is still as vicious as ever ... Also a former AWF and MEWF titleholder ... Feuded years ago with another former "Bounty Hunter," Bam Bam Bigelow.

380 JOHNNY PARADISE (6'1", 251, 6, 381) Formerly known as Chris Hawn ... Currently the Western Ohio Wrestling heavyweight champion ... Also competes in Michigan-based Midwest Territorial Wrestling, where he's guided by Handsome Johnny Bradford, wrestling's only deaf manager.

381 KARL POPE (6', 230, 3, 280) Often teams with younger brother Jim in Championship Wrestling USA ... Smart, tough competitor ... Superlative moonsault ... Fundamentally sound ... Rising star in Pacific Northwest region.



KARL POPE

382 BUDDY LANDELL (6', 236, 14, 336) The other "Nature Boy" is now a preacher ... In the ring, he remains a rulebreaker, though his appearances are infrequent of late ... Occasionally in the USWA and elsewhere.

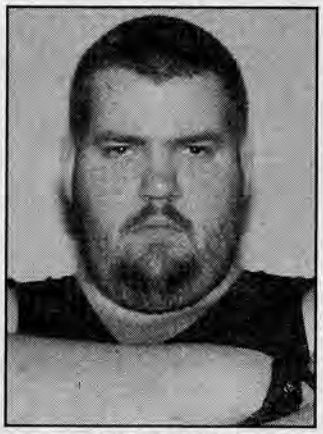
383 LOU PEREZ (6', 223, 8, 353) Brother of Al Perez ... Technically outstanding ... Former Pro Wrestling Federation light heavyweight champion ... Stars on independent circuit in the South, especially Florida.

384 MIKE GOLDEN (6'2", 251, 8, NL) Veteran grappler is the current NGWA TV champ ... Always accompanied to the ring by valet Lady Fantasy ... Involved in Georgia's hottest independent feud with T.A. Golden.

385 BRAD RHEINGANS (6', 248, 14, 276) Renowned as a trainer, but a fine competitor in his own right ... Former AAU champ ... Minnesota native won AWA tag team title with Ken Patera in 1989 ... Technical master.

386 JOHNNY HOT BODY (5'10", 230, 6, 265) Violent former ECW champ still makes the rounds of the Eastern independents ... Fierceness compensates for relatively small size and lack of power ... Has never forgiven *PWI* for inadvertently omitting him from 1991 survey.

387 BULLDOZER (6'8", 510, 4, NL) Gargantua trained by Killer Kowalski ... Says he's wrestling's premier TV, movie trivia expert ... Has bodyslammed Warlord and Giant Ron Reis ... Likes giant splash off top rope ... In IWF.



BULLDOZER

388 BULL PAIN (6'3", 266, 4, 307) Frequent competitor in Southern independents ... Nasty native of South Carolina who loves to cause havoc ... Always accompanied by his valet Samantha ... Formerly in USWA and Global.

389 RIP SAWYER (6', 236, 6, NL) Baltimore native is former ACW champion, losing the belt to T. Rantula ... Longtime member of The Cream Team with partner Dave Casanova ... More aggressive since losing the title.

390 GLEN JACOBS (6'8", 279, NA, NL) Giant known as "Doomsday" ... Young, intimidating ... Reminds some of Sid Vicious, but without the sadistic streak ... Has beaten Eddie Gilbert in Puerto Rico ... Up-and-comer.

391 MICHAEL HAYES (6'1", 255, 15, 326) The Freebirds have returned, but he's been sidelined for some time with a back injury ... Will always be noted for rivalry with Von Erichs ... Among the craftiest of competitors.

392 BRIAN ARMSTRONG (6'4", 240, 2, 351) Youngest and tallest of the Armstrongs beginning to make an impact in Smoky Mountain ... Gradually learning to use his skills ... Took part in Operation Desert Storm.

393 DUANE GILL (5'11", 237, 4, NL) WWA competitor, teams with brother Wayne ... They're two-time tag team titleholders ... Calls himself "WWF superstar," but not quite: He's a preliminary wrestler at its TV tapings.

394 BUDDY WAYNE (5'6", 202, 8, 213) Has done well in Pacific Northwest region despite his smallish size ... Everett, Washington, native excels at the cross-body off the top rope ... An intense, popular competitor.

395 MR. SAITO (5'11", 247, 29, 272) American fans may remember when he teamed with Mr. Fuji in the WWF in the mid-1980s ... Former AWA World champion ... A regular Japanese competitor despite his years.

396 BIG BULLY BUSICK (6'1", 255, 8, 344) Regularly appears on Georgia independent cards ... Famed for his heart punch, something he developed in recent years ... Former Georgia All-Star champion, was briefly in WWF.

397 CHRIS WEIDER (6'1", 239, 8, NL) Ed Atlas' Super Jock partner ... Alleged nephew of fitness maven Joe Weider ... Formerly competed as Chris "The Edge" Evans ... Says he holds world natural bench press record.

398 BAM BAM COALSON (6'3", 360, 5, NL) Combine Cactus Jack's craziness with Big Van Vader's brutality, and you have this future star ... Mid-Atlantic champion ... What would Bigelow say about his nickname?

399 MIKE ANTHONY (5'10", 205, 4, 318) Former Windy City Wrestling lightweight champ ... Has many amateur titles to his credit after a 15-year amateur career ... Has appeared in UWF, USWA ... Learned pro wrestling in Mexico.

MIKE ANTHONY

400 GIANT RON REIS (7'2", 365, 1, NL) New England's "biggest" new star ... Trained by legendary Killer Kowalski ... Tags with Big John Studd as the "Giants Of Wrestling" ... Played basketball at Santa Clara University, pro hoops in Europe.

RON REIS

401 WAYNE ROGERS (5'11", 229, 21, 358) Calls himself "King Of The Southern Ring," but don't confuse him with Jerry Lawler ... Has won titles in SSW and other Dixie independents ... Determined veteran ... From Kingsport, Tennessee.

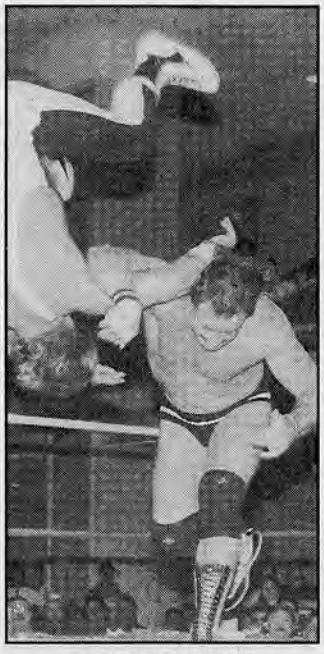
402 BOBBY ROGERS (5'10", 225, 5, 309) Claims he's Buddy Rogers' grandson, and patterns style after "Nature Boy" ... Popular in South Florida independents ... Formed UWF light heavyweight champion is credited with bringing Tatanka into wrestling.

403 WAYNE GILL (6', 263, 1, NL) Duane's little brother is actually a bit larger ... Impressive rookie, trained by Duane ... They've already held two tag team titles in WWA ... Feuding with The Spiders and Super Jocks.

404 KING KONG (6'4", 437, 5, 236) Back in Texas independents after being in WCW ... There, he was Awesome Kong's partner in Harley Race's Colossal Kongs tag team ... Likes the splash; you would, too, at that size.

405 SASHEEM (6'10", 310, 2, NL) A huge, mysterious grappler who hails from Somalia ... Among the most vicious of rulebreakers ... Currently causing all sorts of havoc on independent cards in the Southern states.

406 B. BRIAN BLAIR (5'10", 235, 12, 339) Operates gym in Tampa, often in Florida independents ... He and Jim Brunzell comprised Killer Bees tag team in the WWF ... Beat a young Rick Rude for Southern title in 1985.



B. BRIAN BLAIR

407 DON MURACO (6'4", 274, 24, 102) Occasionally competes, mostly in Hawaii where veteran rulebreaker now lives ... Tough, talented, two-time WWF Intercontinental champion ... Has also wrestled in ECW ... Had longtime feud with Jimmy Snuka.

408 MR. DYNAMIC (6', 265, 5, NL) This muscular athlete is the top contender to the Nu-Age title ... Boasts an impressive top-rope lariat ... Fragile psyche gets him in trouble when rattled by fans.

409 JIM BRUNZELL (5'10", 234, 22, 334) Formerly in the WWF, now in independents ... Master of the dropkick ... Formed The High Flyers with Greg Gagne, and they won AWA tag titles in 1977 and 1981.

410 LOU ANDREWS (6'4", 285, 3, 330) Big, strong veteran of Pacific Northwest independents ... Laredo, Texas, native who loves a good fight as much as anyone ... Favorite move is the reverse piledriver ... Has a good future, barring injury.

LOU ANDREWS

411 ROBBIE ROYCE (5'8", 215, 3, NL) Fine up-and-coming aerial wrestlers ... One of the most popular wrestlers on the Canadian independent scene ... Has done surprisingly well against larger foes ... Will accept anyone's challenge.

412 BLARE ROGERS (5'10", 225, 3, 345) Bobby Rogers' brother ... Far less experienced ... Notorious for Doink-like move of taking Bobby's place in the ring while match is in progress ... In Miami-based Atlantic Wrestling Council.

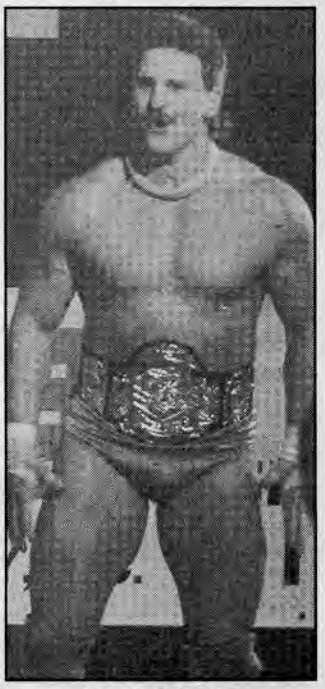
413 SUNSET SAM MCGRAW (6'6", 310, 2, NL) This scary, colossal masked man is the reigning Georgia heavyweight champion ... Awesome power ... Member of Big Tex's army, which also includes The Flame and Heartless.

414 GLADIATOR II (6', 240, 9, 314) Former tag team wrestler probably best known for losing match to Mulkey Brothers on national TV ... Currently in PWF ... Gained speed over the past year ... Piledriver has gained potency.

415 NEIL SUPERIOR (6'4", 267, 4, 349) IWCCW and Baltimore-area favorite ... Still remains a threat to any opponent ... Former South Atlantic champion ... Smooth and scientific, but can brawl if need be.

416 BLAZE BIGELOW (6'2", 258, 7, 386) Shares last name with Bam Bam, but that's about it ... This Florida ruffian competes solely to dispense pain ... Hardly has any ring sense ... In Miami-based Atlantic Wrestling Council.

417 K.C. KNIGHT (6'1", 242, 4, NL) Windy City Wrestling's former heavyweight champ ... Was recently upset by the devious Iron Mike Samson ... Aerial tactics and super-quick style make him a popular fan favorite.



K.C. KNIGHT

418 GREG HART (5'8", 202, 6, 432) Has held numerous titles with partner Keith Hart ... Quick aerialist delights Southern fans with flying bodypress ... Won 85 percent of 1993-94 matches ... Formerly Regulator Steel.

419 BARRY HOUSTON (6'1", 210, 6, 414) Not related to former wrestler Sam Houston, though he's also a Texan ... Quick, agile light heavyweight competes in Miami-based Atlantic Wrestling Council ... Knows virtually every suplex in the book.

420 BO DACIOUS (6', 230, 3, 388) Native of Huber Heights, Ohio, has an excellent future ahead of him ... Is contending in several Midwest independent federations ... Fan favorite continues to gain experience.

421 JERRY FAITH (6', 219, 2, NL) An up-and-comer in CWA and other independents ... Trained by Nightmare Dan Davis, also captured CWA tag team belts with Davis earlier this year ... Have *Faith* in him.

422 AMERICAN G.I. (6'3", 240, 4, 376) Formerly in the PWF, where he was Italian Stallion's frequent tag team partner ... A patriotic sort, and a big fan favorite wherever he goes ... Determined, will fight until the end.

423 JESSE HENNIG (6'2", 210, 1, NL) Trained by older brother Curt, father Larry, and Brad Rheingans ... A rising star in Twin Cities-based PWA ... Good scientific wrestler, eager to learn more.

424 KING KALUHA (5'10", 247, 10, 365) What's someone from Hawaii doing on East Coast independents? Very well for himself, thank you ... Former Pacific heavyweight champion has also toured Far East and Europe.

KING KALUHA

425 T.J. JACKSON (6'3", 404, 7, 408) Miami native in hometown Hardcore Pro Wrestling ... Has won tag team title with The Miser ... Volatile-tempered rulebreaker ... Has been known to assault fans, promoters, and family members.

426 TOMMY ROGERS (5'9", 222, 14, 352) Formerly one-half of The Fantastics, with Bobby Fulton ... Generally limits wrestling to Japanese tours ... A feisty sort ... He and Fulton twice won WCW U.S. tag team belts in 1980.

427 CHRIS CARTER (5'10", 230, 14, 450) Reverted to old name after being known as Prof. Jack Graham ... He and Mohammed Jihad Saad are The International Freedom Fighters, Midwest Territorial Wrestling tag team champs ... Incredibly arrogant.

428 SPARTAN GREG BOBCHICK (5'11", 239, 4, 441) Ex-Michigan State mat star, hence the nickname ... Has also competed in Japan's UWFI ... Trained by Ivan Koloff ... Went 36-0-5 until losing to Mickey Doyle.

429 KEITH HART (5'6", 205, 9, 359) From Sevierville, Tennessee, not related to the Calgary Hart clan ... A Japanese-style aerialist ... Very fast, with fancy moves and no fear ... Has won tag titles with partner Greg Hart.

430 VANCE NEVADA (5'10", 197, 1, NL) 18-year-old rookie, a rising star in Winnipeg's River City Wrestling ... Determined, quick, and agile ... Stamina can be a problem ... Needs to expand his repertoire.

431 MARK MEST (5'11", 368, 5, 456) "Big Mark" is making his mark on Pennsylvania independents ... Physical style perfectly complements tag team partner and brother Troy's technical acumen ... Has a devastating splash.

432 ROCK STEVENS (6'4", 260, 4, 449) Gunning for more glory in Midwest Territorial Wrestling after a reign as Motor City champ ... Great flying lariat off the top ... Also known as Punisher Rock Stevens and Scott Stevens.

433 STAR RYDER (6'2", 211, 3, 431) Popular PWF star gaining experience and knowledge ... Still has scars from 1993 feud with George South ... Former PWF tag champ now focusing on singles ... On WWF and WCW broadcasts.

434 SHAWN SUMMERS (6', 231, 3, 429) "Beach Boy" was a Global rulebreaker, now in Midwest independents after East Coast stint ... Among best of the 1992 rookie crop ... A talented wrestler who frequently interferes in matches.

435 KILLER KANARECK (6'2", 235, 3, 439) Motor City rulebreaker trained by Iron Mike Anthony, managed by The Gypsy ... Formerly "Dirty Dan" Kanareck ... Has twice been suspended for assaulting MCW TV commentator Scott Sellers.

436 STAN "PRETTY BOY" LEE (6'1", 240, 5, 445) Prides himself on being a snappy dresser, and his wrestling is nearly as sharp ... TCW heavyweight champion ... Native of Charlotte, North Carolina ... Stock is still rising fast.

437 JEFF O'DAY (6'2", 235, 4, 421) Formerly in WCW, now an independent ... Sydney, Australia, native, son of Down Under mat star Larry O'Day ... Excellent suplex ... Was part of an Austral-Asian tag team champion in 1990.

438 DERRICK DUKES (6'2", 235, 8, 367) Currently competes in Midwest and in Europe ... A very capable wrestler ... Perhaps best known for losing boxing match to former pro football player Mark Gastineau.

DERRICK DUKES

439 GUIDO FALCONE (6'4", 284, 6, 331) Texas independent wrestler once known as "Sweet Daddy" Falcone in Global ... Big and bulky, but still a solid competitor ... Had held GWF tag team belts with Vito Mussolini.

440 IRISH BOBBY CLANCY (5'5", 200, 2, 446) Diminutive competitor from Windsor, Ontario ... Teamed with newcomer Phil Apollo to capture Border City Wrestling's Can-Am tag title ... Has tried out with the WWF ... Speed, agility compensate for smallness.

441 CHRIS PILLON (5'8", 245, 2, 401) Somewhat stocky competitor from Ontario who's nicknamed "Smooth Mover" ... Has a "Pillon piledriver" finisher ... Calls Ric Flair his favorite wrestler ... Has impressed in Great Lakes region.

442 THE RAM MAN (6'3", 391, 7, 410) Superb standing dropkicks, flying bodyblocks, and top rope maneuvers ... Not noted for headbutts, despite the name ... Has won AWC heavyweight title ... Good quickness and agility for someone his size.

443 EDDIE GOLDEN (5'11", 209, 6, 457) This nephew of Jimmy Golden is beginning to be recognized as a fine wrestler in his own right ... Has won SSW title ... Among the best light heavyweights among Southern independents.

444 JUDGE DREAD (6'6", 334, 4, 430) Don't dare be convicted by his stare ... Michigan native in Great Lakes independents after stint in USWA ... Frighteningly powerful big man says little, lets his wrestling do the talking.

445 DENNY KASS (5'11", 225, 13, 366) Australian has revived Fabulous Kangaroos with Al Snow ... Former Olympic wrestler, trained under Al Costello ... Regularly competes in Midwest and Canada ... Also in WCW and the WWF.

446 J.R. JAMES (6', 247, 6, 460) Formerly in UWF and AWC, now competes in Florida's Hardcore Pro Wrestling ... Rulebreaker notorious for his bullrope and cowbell ... Has had five managers

447 CPL. DARIL DANIALS (6'2", 211, 3, 452) Up-and-comer in Chicago and Midwest independents ... Served in Operation Desert Storm ... Trained by Malcolm Monroe ... Now a fan favorite after starting as a despised rulebreaker.

448 KIRK DREDD (5'11", 237, 5, 394) Has won title in Atlantic Wrestling Federation ... Fan favorite in the Pennsylvania-Maryland region ... Somewhat knowledgeable, but tends to be temperamental ... "Killer Hit" is favorite move.

KIRK DREDD

449 TURBO ERIC FREEDOM (5'11", 217, 4, 438) Chicago native has been in several independent federations, including Motor City Wrestling ... Once faced Jake Roberts in the WWF ... Uses flying bodypress finisher off top rope.

450 PLOWBOY WILBUR (6'4", 378, 2, 437) Loves to bring pet pig Freida into the ring, although she was briefly kidnapped by a rival manager ... Has talent, but is incredibly undisciplined ... Popular in Southwest.

451 FIREWALKER (6'3", 310, 3, NL) A top contender in Kentucky's Southern Wrestling Alliance ... Only 20 years old ... Favorite moves include "The Dragon's Breath" ... Has an excellent future ahead of him.

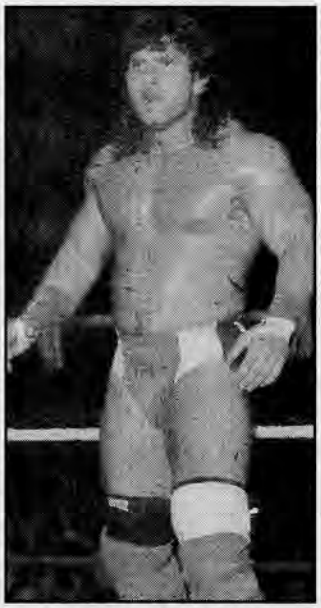
452 SPELLBINDER (6'2", 245, 2, NL) Regularly appears on USWA cards ... Entered federation as a fan favorite, now is in Bert Prentice's rulebreaking stable ... Good fundamental skills ... Very competitive, but very sneaky.

453 SEAN CASEY (5'9", 223, 5, NL) Cincinnati native ... Is compared to Van Hammer and Rick Morton for his style and popularity with female fans ... Competes in Midwest independents, including Western Ohio Wrestling and Motor City Wrestling.

454 ED ATLAS (6', 236, 8, NL) Part of WWA's Super Jocks, managed by Eddie Reality ... Says he's Charles Atlas' great-great-grandson ... Former WWA junior heavyweight champion ... Sour personality ... Once wrestled as Ed the Razor.

455 KNUCKLES NELSON (6'4", 247, 3, NL) Now *that's* a wrestling name ... Hails from Reno, Nevada ... Guess what foreign object he's allegedly used in the ring? ... Teams with Suicide Samson in Century Wrestling Alliance.

456 CALVIN KNAPP (5'9", 226, 3, 357) Periodically wrestles in Texas ... Still recovering from knee injury suffered in 1993 against the Kongs ... Weightlifter known as "Hardbody" for his solid build ... Former Global light heavyweight champ.



CALVIN KNAPP

457 THE BARROOM BRAWLER (6', 288, 12, NL) His favorite move? A chair to the head ... Has wrestled for many independent federations, including World Class and UWF ... Was member of tag team champions in USWA, CWA, and ICW.

458 LORD ZOLTAN (5'9", 230, 18, NL) Former American Commonwealth Wrestling light heavyweight champion ... Has wrestled throughout North America and in Japan ... Comes into ring wearing "death mask" face paint ... Cagey competitor.

459 TYRONE KNOX (6'1", 240, 2, NL) Pro Wrestling Federation up-and-comer ... Was trained by Gary Royal, former NWA junior heavyweight champion ... Is noted for his headbutt ... Has wrestled at WWF TV tapings.

460 DR. JOHNNY WILDSIDE (6'8", 290, 3, 319) Frequently appears in Pennsylvania independents ... Had Nurse Vanessa by his side to distract opponents ... She's not around anymore, but his wrestling hasn't suffered—yet ... Big and tough nonetheless.

461 TONY PRICHARD (6', 235, 6, 477) A well-experienced, scientific fan favorite and the current All-States heavyweight champion ... Intense competitor who hails from Nashville, Tennessee ... Has held several single and tag titles.

462 TONY GOLDEN (6'2", 262, 2, 469) Cousin of "Tennessee Stud" Jimmy Golden, though he's from Dayton, Ohio ... Works as bouncer when not competing in AWC ... Avid Elvis Presley fan, aims to leave foes "all shook up."

463 WICHITA WILLIE (5'9", 225, 5, 418) Has finishing hold called "Kansas Klapper" ... Sunflower State native has won light heavyweight titles in AWF, All-Pro Wrestling ... Very methodical, but it drives opponents crazy.

464 JUAN VALDES (5'9", 222, 4, 454) Wake up and smell the coffee: This Mexican wrestler isn't much ... Should hop on his burro and leave South Florida, where he's flopped ... A decaf competitor, puts fans to sleep.

465 CAVEMAN BRODA (5'9", 211, 14, NL) The name says it all ... Neanderthal has mellowed somewhat, but is still high-strung ... River City Wrestling fans love his zany antics and his willingness to wrestle in specialty bouts.

466 WOODY LEE (6'1", 260, 15, 451) "Cowboy" lassoes opponents on the Great Lakes independent scene ... Formerly nicknamed "Wildman" ... Arizona native formed tag team with younger brother Bobby, who then was sidelined with a knee injury.

467 PAUL LLOYD (6', 232, 13, 443) Called "The Pink Panther" since he's always dressed in that color ... Africa's most controversial wrestler ... 12-time national amateur champion with experience in Russia, Japan, and England.

468 KID LIBERTY (6'1", 240, 2, NL) Youthful star of New England Wrestling Alliance ... Can scientifically wrestle or brawl ... Part of Freedom Force with Sgt. Stone ... Extremely enthusiastic ... Continuing to learn his craft.

469 RUSTY BROOKS (6', 352, 11, 393) Claims he's king of independent wrestling ... Now in Florida federations ... Faced Hulk Hogan in 1986 televised bout ... Teamed with Dr. Red Roberts for ICW tag team belts.

470 PSYCHO MIKE (5'11", 230, 4, 308) Not to be confused with ECW's Pit Bull Psycho Mike ... This one's a former Great Lakes champion, often appears in Midwest independents ... Somewhat crazed, poorly conditioned.

471 ROB MORGAN (6'5", 255, 2, NL) Indianapolis-based competitor has wrestled throughout the Midwest and South ... Has beaten Barry Horowitz and appeared on WCW TV tapings ... Managed by The Photographer ... Sometimes teams with Rip Rogers.

472 DEATH ROW #3260 (6'3", 280, 5, 369) Florida independent fans know this former prison inmate well ... Managed by The Warden, he wears illegal steel-toed work boots into the ring ... Formerly in WCW and the UWF.

473 QUINN NASH (5'7", 225, 2, NL) Hagerstown, Maryland, native competes in various Northeast independents ... Great speed and quite strong for his size ... Former ACW light heavyweight champ, but was beaten by Lord Zoltan.

474 CHRIS DUFFY (6'1", 230, 9, NL) Trained by Killer Kowalski ... Former IWF New England heavyweight champion ... Loves the 1970s: Enters ring to *Brady Bunch* theme, sings Barry Manilow songs to crowd ... Managed by The Bug.

475 DOUG BASHAM (6', 210, 1, NL) Rookie from Louisville, Kentucky, in USWA ... Attended Danny Davis' wrestling school ... Has also competed in other Southern independents ... Relatively small, but has plenty of potential.

476 BARON VON RASCHKE (6'3", 271, 28, 335) German master continues to be a threat ... Few are better at the clawhold ... Famed for long feud with Verne Gagne ... Competes in PWA and other Minnesota independents.

BARON VON RASCHKE

477 TOMMY JAMMER (5'11", 245, 6, 378) Handsome, beloved by female fans in AWA and now PWA ... Skills are good, but career is stalling ... Called "California Kid," but is not the Indiana wrestler of that name.

478 TROY MEST (5'11", 232, 4, 463) Is "little brother" in more ways than one: Mark outweighs him by 136 pounds! ... They've formed a successful tag team in the Mid-Atlantic region ... Quick, scientific, and extremely agile.

479 STEVEN DEBBES (5'10", 219, 6, 448) South African junior heavyweight champion, labeled "The Tornado" in Puerto Rico-based WWC ... Another high-flying Jushin Liger disciple ... Has also competed in Africa, Russia, and Japan.

480 BRETT BLAIR (6', 242, 7, 409) Partner of Billy Brooks in The Bad Boys ... Skilled, but can be a mite cocky at times ... Also manages several women wrestlers ... Has a shady reputation.

481 SUICIDE SAMSON (6'1", 235, 3, NL) Hails from Niagara Falls, New York, competes in Century Wrestling Alliance ... Member of The Cash Money Boys ... A skilled technician, but will break the rules if he has to.

482 HOLLYWOOD HUBIE (6', 417, 5, NL) Calls himself "The Hollywood Fashion Plate," but at that size has to shop at big men's stores ... From Columbus, Ohio ... Has wrestled in the Buckeye State, West Virginia, and Kentucky.

483 BOBBY BLADE (5'8", 220, 1, NL) Junior heavyweight champion in Kentucky-based Southern Wrestling Alliance ... Has a devastating flying neckbreaker, and "Triple-X Knee Crunch" ... Really making a name for himself.

484 TIM McNEANY (6'3", 230, 3, NL) Boston native, trained by Killer Kowalski but a fan favorite nonetheless ... Has won IWF New England North American heavyweight title, beating Eliminator Perry Saturn ... Excellent DDT.

485 MIKE ROSELLI (6'4", 275, NA, NL) Former Penn State wrestler now in West Coast Championship Wrestling ... Nicknamed "Brawn," teams with Randy Tyler in Billionaire Boys Club, WCCW tag team champions ... Arrogant, but tough.

486 SOULMAN ALEX G. (5'10", 235, 7, 491) Exceptionally skilled South Florida star ... Uncertain if he wants to be fan favorite or rulebreaker ... Miami native doing well in local federations.

487 GORILLA JOHNSON (6'1", 255, 15, 444) Great hometown: Snake Hill, Texas ... Rulebreaker trained by Buddy Roberts and Johnny Valentine ... Competes only in Texas and surrounding states ... Banned in Mexico for causing riots.

488 JIMMY LAMB (5'11", 220, 7, 492) A contender in Kentucky-based Southern Wrestling Association ... "Jammin' Jimmy" is a veteran of the Mid-South independent scene ... Excels at the crucifix finishing move.

489 OTIS APOLLO (5'9", 225, 2, 475) Comprises Motor City Wrestling tag team with Irish Bobby Clancy ... Won Border City Wrestling's Can-Am tag belts ... Had tryout with WCW earlier in 1993 ... Trained by Mickey Doyle.

490 RANDY TYLER (6'1", 227, NA, NL) The other half of Billionaire Boys Club, current WCCW tag team champions ... Nicknamed "Brain" ... Also held mid-heavyweight title until losing it to Firefighter Adrian ... Wrestled at Notre Dame.

491 BILLY THE BUTCHER (6'5", 310, 5, 462) Mobile, Alabama's version of Abdullah? Almost, but not quite ... Knows many holds capable of permanently disabling an opponent ... Won Texas tag team title with brother Bob ... Impervious to pain.

492 SUPERKEY I (5'7", 191, 2, 455) Half of mysterious masked Asian team starring in Motor City Wrestling ... From Singapore, but no expert at caning matches ... 1992 MCW Rookie of the Year ... Raised in Japan.

493 KILLER (6', 255, 9, 422) Sadistic ... Partner of fellow masked man Psycho in the Texas Hangmen tag team ... Underrated, if brutal, duo has won WWC and USWA tag titles ... Currently in Midwest independents.

494 SUPERKEY II (5'11", 195, 2, 461) Competing in Motor City Wrestling after turning pro in Japan ... Asian star respected for his natural athleticism ... Slightly bigger and stronger than Superkey I ... They work well together.

495 BOB THE BUTCHER (6'4", 410, 5, 466) Need a good side of beef? You can call on this former cattle farmer and meat cutter ... Brawler actually uses some of those tools while wrestling ... Won Texas tag team title with his brother Billy.

496 MR. RIGHT (5'11", 220, 3, 497) Excellent amateur background ... Says he's the right guy for every girl ... Competes in Florida-based Hardcore Pro Wrestling, has teamed with J.R. James ... Billed as hailing from "right now."

497 MEAN MIKE (5'11", 231, 8, 484) Obnoxious loudmouth radio, TV host in Miami ... Native of Charlotte, North Carolina ... A Rush Limbaugh type, but his wrestling talent isn't on loan from God ... Doesn't endorse orange juice, either.

498 VINNIE BIONDO (5'10", 338, 3, 467) Competes in IWCCW, other Mid-Atlantic federations ... Wins many reverse decisions ... Cliams to leave horses' heads in referees' beds ... At his size, he'd be hard to put in the Witness Relocation Program.

499 MAX CRIMSON (6', 251, 2, 458) Native of New Orleans is the quintessential rulebreaker ... "Outlaw" competes in Pennsylvania, but 32 states have supposedly banned him due to his brutality ... No technical skills whatsoever.

500 DONN E. ALLEN (5'10", 185, 6, NL) "The Devious One" wrestles in ECW, but rarely has anything to show for it ... Invariably outmuscled by opponents ... In some ways, a Mikey Whipwreck without the breaks ... Also in tag teams.

DONN E. ALLEN

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163. TOM ZENK
458. LORD ZOLTAN

FAREWELL TO THE 500

*Personnel changes continuously in wrestling due to its year-round activity. Since the previous "**PWI** 500," some wrestlers have moved to different federations or altered their names. Others are now injured, inactive, retired, or dead. Some wrestlers have even become managers. Many members of last year's "**PWI** 500" are out of this year's survey for those and other reasons.*

Keys are as follows: (D) deceased; (DL) disabled list; (I) inactive; (M) became a manager; (NC) name change; (NR) not rated; (R) retired.

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MAD MAX ANTHONY (I)
MIKE ANTHONY (I)
SUNNY BEACH (I)
C.W. BERGSTROM (I)
BERSERKER (I)
BIG BOSSMAN (NC)
THE BIG KAHUNA (NR)
BILLY BLAZE (NR)
JAMES BLOND (NR)
BOOKER T (NC)
LUDVIG BORGA (DL)
BILLY BROOKS (NR)
FERNANDO BULL (NR)
DANNY CAMA (I)
LARRY CAMERON (D)
CHEETAH KID (NC)
STEVE COLLINS (I)
THE CONVICT (NC)
CHIEF DENNIS CREAMER (I)
CRYBABY BUXTON (NR)
DANCING WOLF (I)
THE DARK PATRIOT (NC)
THE DEMON HELLSTORM (NR)
TED DiBIASE (DL-M)
DIRTY WHITE BOY (I)
DISCO INFERNO (NR)
DOGCATCHER I (I)
DOGCATCHER II (I)
D.C. DRAKE (NR)
BILL DUNDEE (M)
ROBBIE EAGLE (NC)
THE EQUALIZER (NC)
TOMMY FERRARA (I)
SCOTTY FLAMINGO (NC-M)
CHARLIE FULTON (R)
FURY (NR)
ONE MAN GANG (NR)
THE GARBAGE MAN (NC)
RICK GARREN (NR)
GIANT WARRIOR (NR)
GLADIATOR (I)
HAKU (M)
VAN HAMMER (I)
HAWAIIAN KID (NR)
CURT HENNIG (I)
DOC HOLLIDAY (I)
HOMEBOY (I)
ICE TRAIN (I)
MIKE INCOGNITO (I)
BILL IRWIN (I)
ISHINRIKI (NR)
JOHNNY K-9 (NC)
ROCKY JONES (I)
SPOOKY KOOL KID KEENE (NR)
G.Q. KNIGHT (I)
YOSHI KWAN (I)
FRANK LANCASTER (NR)
DANNY LAW (NR)
THE LOOTER (I)
LORD OF DISCIPLINE (I)
AL MADRIL (NR)
JOEY MAGGS (I)
MANU FROM HAWAII (NR)
THE MISER (NR)
MR. LOVERMAN (NR)
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DON MURACO (I)
VITO MUSSOLINI (I)
THE NIGHT BREEDER (NR)
NIGHTMARE I (I)
NIGHTMARE II (NR)
THE NOMAD (NR)
MELVIN PENROD JR. (I)
PRIME TIME DEE (I)
RAGE (NR)
RASTA THE VOODOO MON (I)
STEVE REGAL (I)
REGULATOR STEEL (I)
RICKY RICE (NR)
THE RIPPER (I)
DR. RED ROBERTS (NR)
ROCHESTER ROADBLOCK (I)
BOB ROOP (I)
NAOKI SANO (I)
SHINOBI (I)
SILVER SHADOW (I)
SKIPPY (NR)
SKYFIRE (I)
SPANN DECKS (I)
MARK STARR (I)
RON STARR (I)
CRUSTY STAUBACH (NR)
PRESTON STEELE (I)
STEVIE RAY (NC)
ADRIAN STREET (I)
SUPER BRAT (I)
SUPER MARIO (I)
JOHN TATUM (I)
TUGBOAT TAYLOR (I)
THE VAGRANT (I)
JEFF VICTORY (NR)
CHRIS WALKER (I)
WHITE CLOUD (I)
BILL WILCOX (I)
WILD SAMOAN NICK (NR)
LARRY WINTERS (I)
GARY YOUNG (NR)

win, lose or draw

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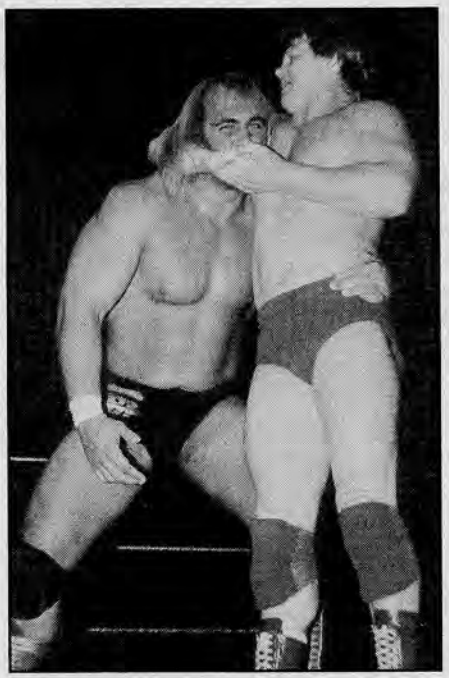
with the Sheik. Hogan fought the Sheik himself, with Backlund's blessing. After Hogan won the belt, Backlund expected a match against him. He never got one.

Backlund doesn't dwell on the perceived slight, but it still does annoy him. It helps drive him to succeed. He is a better wrestler because of it. He admits that reluctantly. He probably will never surpass, or even match, Hogan, but along with his goal of the title he has the goal of topping his old compatriot.

Those goals may yet lead him toward rulebreaking. Violating the rules of the sport he loves so much runs counter to everything for which he has stood over the last 20 years. However, against Hart he demonstrated forcefully that rulebreaking is an option. He may not like it, but he may feel forced into it by circumstances.



That is a sad possibility. Men of Backlund's character are extremely rare in wrestling today. There is Backlund and there is Rick Steamboat. How many others have been such great role models throughout the course of their careers? Among the criticisms leveled at Backlund is that he is boring. In a sport that values charisma, he lacks it. He is vanilla, white bread. Get him off the stage, they say, and let's see a show.

Well, Backlund may not be the show we want to see, but he may be the show we need to see. He offers a break from all the hype. He cuts through the nonsense and, night after night, delivers the best he has to offer.

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Backlund has never gotten over the fact that, after giving Hulk Hogan title shots during his reign as WWF World champion, Hogan never returned the courtesy.

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3. Arm Drag
4. Arm Lock
5. Armpit Squash
6. Arm Stretch
7. Arm Whip
8. Asian Spike
9. Bear Hug
10. Biting
11. Body Slam
12. Body Tackle
13. Chicken Wing
14. Choke
15. Claw
16. Clothesline
17. Cross Body Block
18. Double Axehandle
19. Drop Kick
20. Eagle Split
21. Ear Pop
22. Elbow Smash
23. Eye Gouge
24. Face Rake
25. Finger Split
26. Fireman's Carry Ram
27. Flying Body Press
28. Flying Clothesline
29. Flying Drop Kick
30. Flying Elbow Drop
31. Flying Head Butt
32. Flying Mare
33. Forearm Smash
34. Foreign Object
35. Full Nelson
36. Giant Swing
37. Grapevine
38. Hair Pulling
39. Hammerlock
40. Headlock
41. Head Stomp
42. Heart Punch
43. Hiproll
44. Irish Whip
45. Jaw Breaker
46. Knee Drop
47. Leg Lock
48. Manager Interference
49. Monkey Flip
50. Nose Twist
51. Overhead Toss
52. Pole Ram
53. Reverse Chin Lock
54. Rolling Scissors
55. Rope Burn
56. Savage Kick
57. Scissors Grip
58. Shoulder Breaker
59. Slingshot
60. Snap Mare
61. Step Over Toe Hold
62. Suplex
63. Surfboard
64. Turnbuckle Smash
65. Wristlock
66. Abdominal Stretch
67. Atomic Drop
68. Avalanche
69. Back Breaker
70. Backroll Press
71. Belly to Belly
72. Big Splash
73. Boston Crab
74. Brain Buster
75. Bulldog
76. Camel Clutch
77. Cobra Clutch
78. Cradle
79. Crucifix
80. D.D.T.
81. Elbow Buster
82. Figure Four
83. Flying Leg Drop
84. Gourd Buster
85. Groin Chop
86. Indian Death Lock
87. Knee Smash
88. Neckbreaker
89. Piledriver
90. PowerBomb
91. Power Slam
92. Rib Cracker
93. Russian Sickle
94. Sleeper
95. Slingshot Suplex
96. Small Package
97. Spine Buster
98. Sunset Flip
99. Superplex
100. Throat Punch

The first 65 are wear down holds. Pick 10 of these holds in any order. 66 through 100 are wrap them up holds. Pick 5 of these holds in any order. You may insert your own unique hold for a polish off. Although it will have no influence on your match outcome, you are encouraged to use one because it is part of your Grappler's personality. The Grappler with the highest point total wins. Please use each only once. We also have tag team, six man, and eight man matches along with an incredible brawl.

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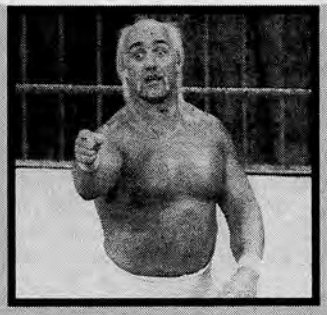
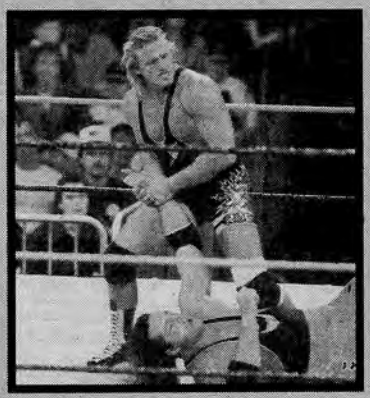


HULK HOGAN'S new commandments: Say prayers ... take vitamins ... and *kick butt*!



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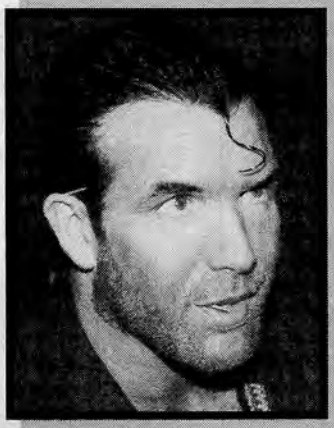

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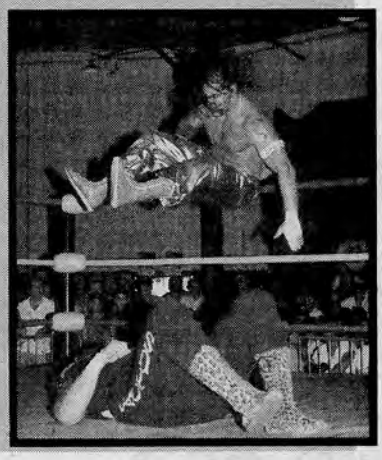

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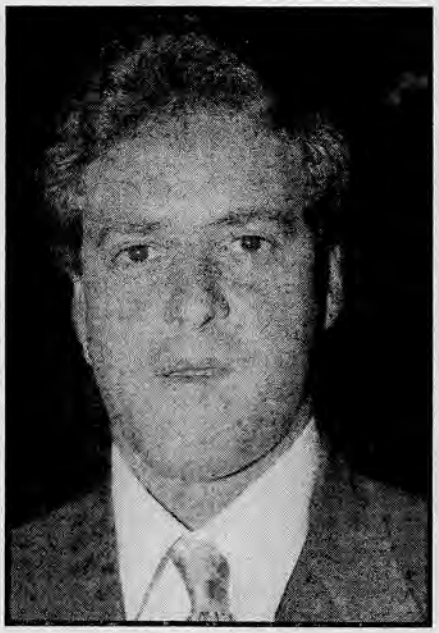
marathon matches. So far it hasn't.

If you missed the *WWF Monday Night Raw* when Bret defended his belt against **The Kid**, you missed an unbelievable match. It lasted about 25 minutes and Kid came so close to winning the title several times before submitting to a "sharpshooter." Who says matches between fan favorites can't be great?

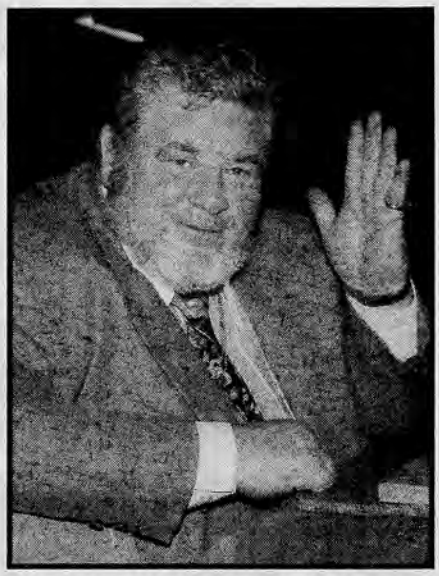
Bob Backlund has a reputation one of the classiest fan favorites in the history of the sport, but even he considered turning to rulebreaking recently. It happened during a match with Bret. Backlund thought he got a three-count and won the World title, but the referee said he only got two.



While Backlund protested, Hart small-packaged him and got the win. Backlund was so irate that he put Hart in a chicken wing after the bout and wouldn't let go until several referees pried him off. All I know is Backlund desperately wants to get back into contention.

While **Harvey Wippleman** no longer manages **Adam Bomb**, he still holds a grudge. He got **Kwang the Ninja** to trip Bomb during one of his matches with **Yokozuna**, causing Bomb to lose by countout. Bomb is competing as a fan favorite.

Sgt. Slaughter is again competing in the WWF and feuding with **Pierre** ... **Davey Boy Smith** is tentatively scheduled to wrestle on the WWF's September European tour and is negotiating to rejoin the federation full-time ... The WWF recently signed alleged baseball great **Abe "Knuckleball" Schwartz**.



The wrestling world was struck by tragedy twice this summer. WWF referee Joey Marella (left) was killed in an automobile accident in New Jersey. George "Crybaby" Cannon (above) died of cancer.

"Dirty White Boy" Tony Anthony regained the Smoky Mountain heavyweight title from **Jake Roberts** in Warrensville, North Carolina. "The Snake" is gone from SMW for the time being.

Tammy Fytch showed why she should stick to managing when she teamed with **Brian Lee** and **Chris Candido** to meet **Bambi** and **The Rock 'n' Roll Express**. Fytch and

company lost several six-man bouts. There's a new team setting its sights on the SMW tag title. **The Gangstas** are already showing how dangerous they are. I think they'd be a good fit for **Jim Cornette's Federation of International Thugs and Eliminators**, an organization that includes **Terry** and **Dory Funk Jr.**, **Bruiser Bedlam**, and **Killer Kyle**.

Also, keep an eye on **The Thrillseekers** as possible tag team champs in the future. They crushed **Well Dunn** in penalty box matches this summer.

ECW fans are still talking about the matchup of maniacs **Cactus Jack** and **Sabu**. Sabu won after **Paul E. Dangerously** interfered, but I'm not sure fans cared about the decision. They watched as a frying pan, trash can, and, even a bottle were used as weapons. Sabu actually missed on a moonsault in which he leaped from inside the ring over the steel guard railing that kept fans away from the ring.

Two other feuds came to a head. First, **The Sandman** and **Tommy Cairo** wrestled in their third "Singapore caning" match, with Sandman finally beating his rival. Also, the Funk brothers and **Public Enemy** went at it in a brutal barbed-wire match. The Funks lost, but did their share of damage along the way.

Sadly, I must report the deaths of two members of the wrestling community. WWF referee **Joey Marella** died in an automobile accident in Burlington County, New Jersey, on July 4. Marella, the son of **Gorilla Monsoon**, was 30.

Also, **"Crybaby" George Cannon** died of cancer on July 1 at his home in Russell Woods, Ontario. I'll never forget what a great interview he gave me back in my early days. Even though we didn't see eye-to-eye on many issues, he was quite a character and will be missed. Cannon was 62. □

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perspective, there is no reason to talk about yesterday's bad weather when the five-day forecast calls for sunny skies throughout.

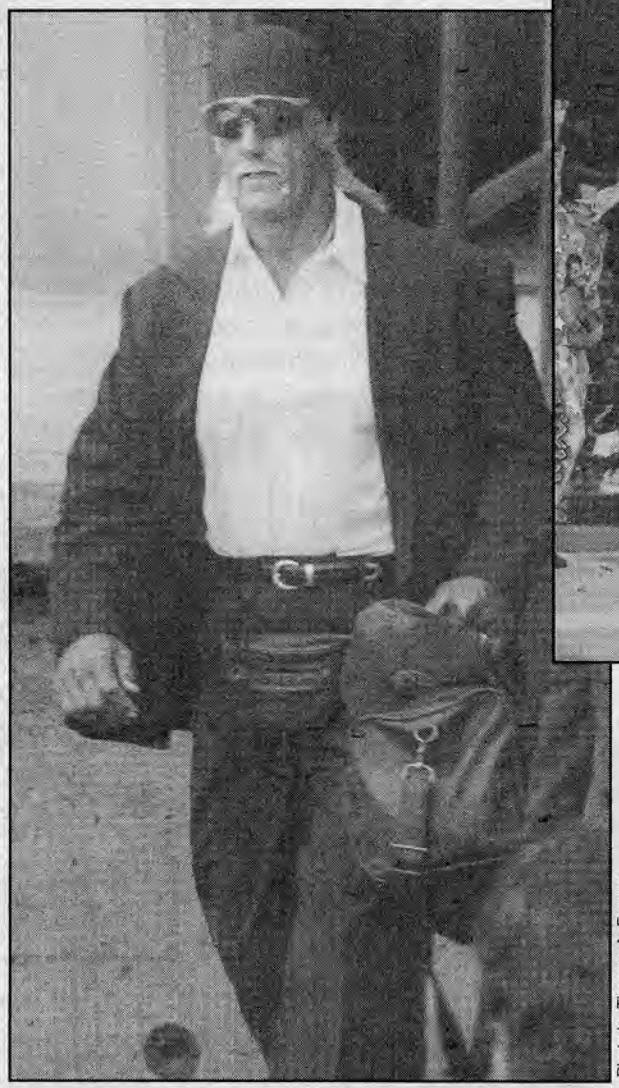
Still, what Hogan accomplished in Orlando cannot be put into its proper perspective without addressing the psychological rollercoaster he had been on in the weeks and days leading up to the event.

Even though Hogan was granted immunity from prosecution in exchange for his testimony, he agonized over having to admit that he used steroids before and during his WWF tenure. He was very fearful that the celebrity status he had so carefully cultivated over the years could come crashing down in a wave of bad press. Also, despite his recent falling-out with McMahon, Hogan was not anxious to incriminate the man who had played such a major role in making him a rich and famous superstar.

These distractions could have had a huge effect on Hogan at a time when his mental and physical preparation were so crucial. According to people in his camp, Hogan's training regimen for the Flair bout was far more intensive than for any match he has ever had. Not only was he trying to rid himself of ring rust that had accumulated during his semi-retirement, but he was doubly determined to enter the ring with a physique that would prove to the world that he could be just as impressive off steroids as he ever was when he was taking the drug.

He succeeded on both counts, but even more impressive was the precision with which he executed the game plan he and manager Jimmy Hart had devised. Four times Flair attempted to maneuver Hogan into a figure-four leglock. One time he succeeded. Twice, however, Hogan kicked Flair away before the trap could be completed, and another time he nearly maneuvered the "Nature Boy" into a small package. At one point, Hogan flung Flair into a corner, and the "Nature Boy," as he has done so often in the past, tried to confuse his opponent by flipping himself over the turnbuckles and sprinting along the ring apron to launch a counterattack from another location. Hogan alertly ran to the spot at which Flair began his run and chopped him down with a clothesline.

"Pretty heady stuff for a guy who doesn't know how to wrestle," said a sarcastic Hart.



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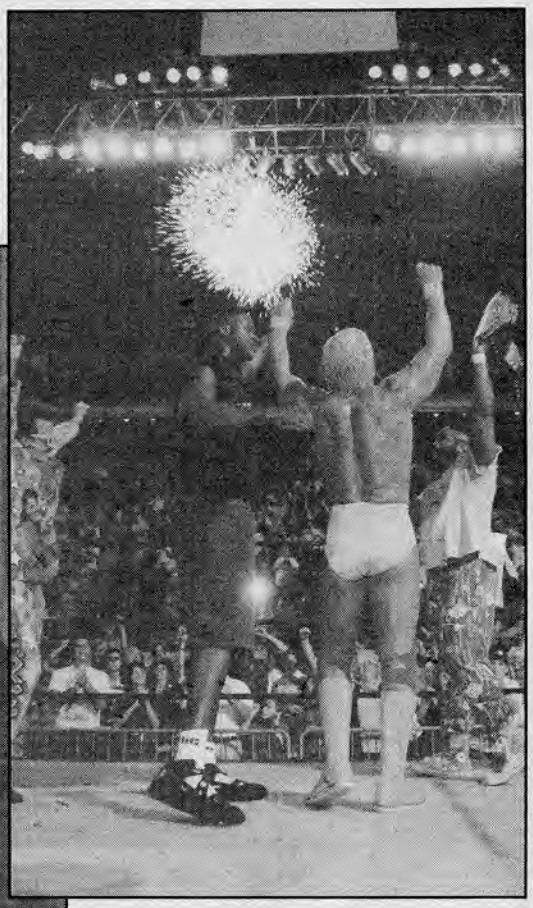

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Hulk Hogan leaves U.S. Distict court in New York after testifying in the Vince McMahon steroids trial (above). Four days later in Orlando, he celebrates his WCW World title victory over Ric Flair with Jimmy Hart, Shaquille O'Neal, and Mr. T (above right).

Still, for all the training and planning, Hogan could have been done in by a force over which he realistically had little control. Once WCW Commissioner Nick Bockwinkel ruled that Sensational Sherri would be permitted to stay at ringside, Camp Hogan, specifically Hart and Mr. T, were charged with the responsibility of keeping her away from the action. For all the warnings they issued Sherri, there is little they could have done. No man with any self-respect is going to hit a woman, even if the term only loosely applies to a face-painted witch who stood at ringside in a tight white evening gown. Mr. T eventually carried Sherri to the dressing room, but not before she attempted two splashes against Hogan (one missed) and slipped Flair brass knuckles.

If Flair thought that belting Hogan in the face with the knucks was going to bring him victory, he sorely underestimated the very real power that the "Hulkamaniacs" supply their hero. "More than likely," Hart said, "he figured he'd get disqualified, which would have been fine with him, because he'd get to keep the belt."

Fortunately, that didn't happen. Despite Bockwinkel's questionable decision to allow Sherri to remain at ringside after her conduct at the Clash of Champions in Charleston, South Carolina, 23 days earlier, the commissioner was determined to see this match fought to a definite conclusion, and he conveyed that message to his referee. In fact, at one point, when Randy Anderson was knocked into a semiconscious state, Bockwinkel ordered Nick Patrick to take his place.

While there was controversy throughout the 22-minute affair, there was nothing controversial about the conclusion. Clothesline. Boot to the face. Legdrop. So much like so many of Hulk Hogan's other victories. Just another day at the arena.

Hardly. □

between falls

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Chris Benoit (soaring toward Johnny B. Badd in a WCW match) now competes in Japan. However, "*PWI* Hotline" caller Ken Hanley says the WWF could lure him back to America if it began a light heavyweight division.

Apparently, he did put up a great fight before losing to Bret, who's the greatest wrestler in the world today.

BARRY BURKETT
Brawley, CA

RICH-LY DISAPPOINTED

It's a shame to see some of the great stars of a decade ago throwing away their careers. Tommy Rich was great when he was wrestling in the NWA in the early-1980s. I respected him because he would take on any rulebreaker. He went up against Buzz Sawyer, Ric Flair, and anyone else the fans hated. Now he's past his prime and is taking the easy route to victories. He's trying to get his career back on track by cheating against Jerry Lawler, Brian Christopher, and the other fan favorites in the USWA. Rich should just retire and let his fans remember when he had self-respect. He's nothing short of a disgrace now.

RANDY DELANO
Memphis, TN

WWF LIGHT

Hulk Hogan is becoming a star in WCW. All the best broadcasters are in WCW. Everyone's complaining about the WWF's weak talent roster. That means the WWF needs to come up with an idea to get an edge over WCW. My suggestion is that they institute a light heavyweight division.

The timing is perfect. WCW is taking a lot of criticism for not doing it. There are many, many great light heavyweights out there. The WWF already has The Kid and Owen Hart. They might be able to sign Jushin Liger from Japan. And what about Chris Benoit and 2 Cold Scorpio? They're both wrestling in independents and in Japan. And there are plenty more.

If most or all of these guys were in the WWF, I know I wouldn't be complaining about a lack of talented wrestlers.

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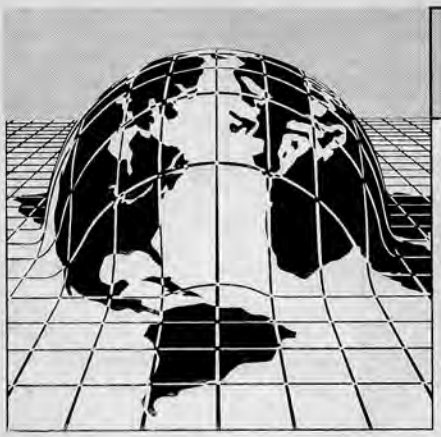

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UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES—EMLL/Mexican Wrestling Federation at the Grand Olympic Auditorium: **Lady Victoria** defeated **Barbara Blaze** ... **Super Boy, Capitan Oro,** & **Principe Indu** beat **Volcano Kid, Metalico,** & **Cosmos** ... **Piloto Suicida** & **Mercurio** defeated **Lover Boy** & **Bobby Bradley Jr.** by countout ... **Enigma de Oro** & **Kayam** beat **Blue Demon Jr.** & **El Hijo del Solitario** ... **Los Brazos** battled **Los Mercanarios** to a double-countout ... **Ultimo Dragon** defeated **Negro Casas.**
(07-09-94)

—Nancy Hayes

SACRAMENTO—WWF at the Arco Arena: **Nikolai Volkoff** defeated **Virgil** ... **Sparky Plugg** beat **Louie Spicolli** ... **The Smokin' Gunns** defeated **Tom Prichard** & **The Barbarian** ... **Duke "The Dumpster" Droese** beat **Adam Bomb** ... **Bam Bam Bigelow** defeated **Mabel** ... **Irwin R. Schyster** beat **Tatanka** by disqualification ... Intercontinental champion **Diesel** defeated **Razor Ramon** in a cage match.
(06-25-94)

—Walt Simmons

FLORIDA

YBOR CITY—Independent card at Harpo's: **Mark Cruiser** defeated **The Menace** ... **"Cowboy" Billy Mac** beat **Haystacks Calhoun Jr.** ... **"Playboy" Jeff James** wrestled to a 30-minute time-limit draw with **"Rockin'" Randy Fuller** ... **The Nuclear Assassin** defeated **Garbage Man Jake** (managed by **Sharp P**) by disqualification ... **The Motor City Bad Boys** wrestled to a double-countout with **Mohammad Stud** & **"Bad Boy" Jeff Bradley** ... **Horace Boulder** (managed by **Osamu Nishimura**) defeated **The Mighty Hercules** by disqualification.
(07-06-94)

—Shannon Rose

TAMPA—Florida Wrestling Alliance at Midway Flea Market: **Bill Pain** defeated **"Outlaw" Billy Mac** ... **Chaos** defeated **Butch Long** ... **The Dynomite Express** defeated tag team champions **The Southern Posse** to win the belts ... **Mr. Electricity** beat Americas champion **The Lebanese Assassin** to win the title ... **Haystacks Calhoun Jr.** defeated **The Mighty Warlord** by disqualification in the final of a tournament to determine a new FWA heavyweight champion.
(07-03-94)

—Shannon Rose

GEORGIA

ATLANTA—*WCW Saturday Night* at Center Stage Theater: **Arn Anderson** & **Dustin Rhodes** defeated **Bad Attitude** when Rhodes pinned **Bobby Eaton** ... **Rick Steamboat** pinned **Tex Slazenger** ... **Stars 'n' Stripes** beat **Paul Orndorff** & **Paul Roma** when **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** pinned Roma after **Kevin** & **Evad Sullivan** came to ringside to distract Orndorff & Roma ... World champion **Ric Flair** wrestled to a no-contest with **Sting** when **Sherri Martel** and **Hulk Hogan** interfered.
(07-09-94)

—Rick Hanley

MARIETTA—Smoky Mountain Wrestling at the Cobb County Civic Center: **New Jack** & **Sheik Mustapha** beat **Scott Studd** & **Lee Thomas** to win the North Georgia tag title ... **The Thrillseekers** defeated **Well Dunn** in a penalty box match ... **Rick Morton** & **Bambi** beat **Chris Candido** & **Tammy Fytch** ... **Tracey Smothers** defeated **Bruiser Bedlam** in a dock fight ... **Steve** & **Scott Armstrong** beat **Dory** & **Terry Funk** by disqualification ... **Tony Anthony** beat **Bruiser Bedlam** in a cage match.
(07-03-94)

—Hank Garr

KENTUCKY

HARLAN—Smoky Mountain Wrestling at Cawood High School: Heavyweight champion **Tony Anthony** defeated **Kendo the Samurai** ... **The Thrillseekers** beat **Well Dunn** in a penalty box match ... Tag team champions **Brian Lee** & **Chris Candido** defeated **Steve** & **Scott Armstrong** ... **Tracey Smothers** beat **Bruiser Bedlam** in a dock fight.
(07-07-94)

—Millicent Gillingham

PAINTSVILLE—Smoky Mountain Wrestling at the High School: **Tony Anthony** defeated **Kendo the Samurai** ... **The Thrillseekers** beat **Well Dunn** in a penalty box match ... **Tracey Smothers** defeated **Bruiser Bedlam** in a dock fight ... **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** & **Bambi** beat **Brian Lee, Chris Candido,** & **Tammy Fytch.**
(07-04-94)

—Millicent Gillingham

MARYLAND

LANDOVER—WWF at the USAir Arena: **The Kid** beat **Kwang the Ninja** ... **Duke "The Dumpster" Droese** beat **Rick Martel** ... **Nikolai Volkoff** pinned **Virgil** ... **Randy Savage** beat **Jerry Lawler** ... **Yokozuna** beat **Typhoon** ... **Irwin R. Schyster** beat **Tatanka** by disqualification ... World tag team champions **The Headshrinkers** beat **Double Trouble** ... World champion **Bret Hart** pinned **Owen Hart.**
(07-07-94)

—Ray Ney

MASSACHUSETTS

MELROSE—Century Wrestling Alliance at the Middle School: **Tony Atlas** defeated **No Pain** ... **El Mascarado** beat **Army Man** by disqualification ... **Tony Rumble** defeated **El Loco** by disqualification ... **Swat** beat **Candyman** by disqualification ... **Vic Steamboat** defeated **Kevin Sullivan** by disqualification ... **Doink** & **Doink** (two clones wrestling as a tag team) beat **Knuckles Nelson** & **Suicide Samson.**
(06-25-94)

—Ted Orr

NEW JERSEY

EAST RUTHERFORD—WWF at the Byrne Meadowlands Arena: **The Kid** defeated **Kwang the Ninja** ... **Duke "The Dumpster" Droese** beat **Rick Martel** ... World tag team champions **The Headshrinkers** defeated **Double Trouble** ... **Randy Savage** defeated **Jerry Lawler** ... **Nikolai Volkoff** defeated **Virgil** ... **Irwin R. Schyster** defeated **Tatanka** by disqualification when Tatanka struck the referee ... **Yokozuna** defeated **Typhoon** ... World champion **Bret Hart** beat **Owen Hart** three falls to two in a 60-minute marathon match.
(07-08-94)

—Gregory Garfield

LAKE HIAWATHA—East Coast Professional Wrestling at the ECPW Arena: **Punisher** beat **Zodiac** ... Tag team champions **Devon Storm** & **Kodiak Bear** wrestled to a time-limit draw with **Helter Skelter** ... **Billy the Kid** beat **Jackknife Johnny** (managed by **Rick Rocker**) ... **Blaster** beat **The Bayou Hunter** ... Women's champion **Metal Maiden** defeated **Tara Gold** ... **Toxic Todd** defeated **Silverado** ... **Gino Caruso** defeated **Metalhead** by disqualification ... Heavyweight champion **Rocky Jones** defeated **Metal Maniac** by disqualification.
(06-29-94)

—Johnny Gnat

NEW YORK

UNIONDALE—WWF at Nassau Coliseum (matinee): **Kwang the Ninja** beat **The Kid** ... **Duke "The Dumpster" Droese** defeated **Rick Martel** ... **Yokozuna** beat **Typhoon** ... **Randy Savage** defeated **Jerry Lawler** ... World tag team champions **The Headshrinkers** beat **Double Trouble** ... **Irwin R. Schyster** defeated **Tatanka** by disqualification ... World champion **Bret Hart** beat **Owen Hart**, three falls to two, in a 60-minute marathon match that went to sudden death.
(07-09-94)

—Glen Hampton

NORTH CAROLINA

MOUNT AIRY—AIWF at the National Guard Armory: **Pete Powers** defeated **Major Havoc** ... **Jammer** & **Chris Windham** beat **Brian Danzig** & **Robert Roma** ... **Rick Deezel** & **Sebastian Kane** defeated **The Indian Outlaw** & **King Cobra** ... Lightweight champion **Jumpin' Jimmy** beat **Daniel Lee** ... **Boston Terrier** & **The Black Knight** defeated **The Tennessee Violence Authority** ... **Boston Terrier** won a 12-man, first-blood, bunkhouse battle royal.
(07-09-94)

—Dean Puckett

BELMONT—Pro Wrestling Federation "Night Of Champions" at the Armory: ***In the first round of a tournament for the PWF heavyweight title—*** **Black Scorpion** defeated **Star Ryder** ... **Flaming Youth** beat **Gladiator II** ... **Italian Stallion** defeated **Troy Conyers** ... Junior heavyweight champion **Brian Williams** beat **Texas Outlaw** ... **George South** defeated **Masked Maniac** ... Intercontinental champion **Cruel Connection II** beat **Tyrone Knox** ... **High Voltage** defeated **Whispering Willow** ... **Russian Assassin II** beat **Jack Victor.**
(07-08-94)

—Brock Chandler

HICKORY—Smoky Mountain Wrestling at Fred T. Foard High School: **Tracey Smothers** defeated **Killer Kyle** by disqualification ... **The Thrillseekers** beat **Jeff Viktory** & **Chris Candido** ... **Tony Anthony** defeated **The Executioner** ... **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** beat **Chris Candido** & **Killer Kyle** ... **Tracey Smothers** won a battle royal.
(06-25-94)

—Ron Donnelly

PENNSYLVANIA

DOWNINGTOWN—WWWA at the Farmers' Market (evening session): **Super Nova** won a 10-man battle royal for $5,000 ... **The Mad Russian** defeated **Harley Lewis** ... Women's champion **Heidi Lee Morgan** beat **The Nasty Angel** ... **Johnny Hot Body** battled **Tony Stetson** to a double-disqualification ... Intercontinental champion **Jack Hammer** defeated **Super Nova** ... **Soul Train** beat **Demolition Ax** & **Metal Maniac** when **Ghetto Blaster** pinned Maniac ... **Rick Martel** defeated **Johnny Handsome** by submission.
(07-09-94)

—Dan Haney

DOWNINGTOWN—WWWA at the Farmers' Market (afternoon session): **Rick Ratchet** won a 12-man battle royal to earn a shot at the Intercontinental title later on the card ... **The Mad Russian** battled **Harley Lewis** to a double-disqualification ... **Tony Stetson** pinned **Glenn Osbourne** ... **King Kahlua** defeated **Super Nova** ... **Johnny Handsome** beat **Johnny Hot Body** ... **Young Lust** defeated **Soul Train** by disqualification when **The Diamond Express** interfered. After the match, Soul Train stole the Express' tag team belts ... Intercontinental champion **Jack Hammer** (managed by **Diamond Mike**) beat **Rick Ratchet.**
(07-09-94)

—Dan Haney

MONTGOMERYVILLE—Eastern Championship Wrestling at the Farmers' Market: **Rockin' Rebel** defeated **Steve Richards** ... **Tasmaniac** beat **Dino Sanna** & **Joel Hartgood** in a handicap match ... Tag team champions **Public Enemy** defeated **Mikey Whipwreck** & **Jim Lano** ... **Sabu** beat **Mr. Hughes** ... Heavyweight champion **Shane Douglas** defeated **Tommy Dreamer.**
(07-08-94)

—Joe Vincent

DEVON—WWF at the Valley Forge Music Fair: **Jim Powers** defeated **Damian Demento** ... **Mighty Doom** beat **Little Leopard** in a midget match ... **Sgt. Slaughter** defeated **Pierre** ... **Mike Sharpe** beat **Glenn Osbourne** ... **Heidi Lee Morgan** defeated **Rustee "The Foxx" Thomas** ... **Bob Backlund** beat **Greg Valentine.**
(07-07-94)

—Joe Vincent

BUSHKILL—*WWF Monday Night Raw* TV taping at the Fernwood Resort: **Tatanka** defeated **Irwin R. Schyster** ... **Razor Ramon** defeated **Barry Horowitz** ... **Irwin R. Schyster** pinned **Ray Hudson** ... **The Bushwhackers** beat **Duane Gill** & **Barry Dougherty** ... **Bob Backlund** defeated **Tony Woody** by submission ... World champion **Bret Hart** defeated **The Kid** by submission. Hart initially was ruled to have pinned Kid, but refused to take the victory because Kid's foot was on the rope ... **Sparky Plugg** beat **George South** ... **Owen Hart** (with **Jim Neidhart**) defeated **Reno Riggins** by submission ... Intercontinental champion **Diesel** (with **Shawn Michaels**) battled **Lex Luger** to a double-disqualification, as both were disqualified when Michaels entered the ring after being chased by **Razor Ramon** ... **Bam Bam Bigelow** (with **Ted DiBiase**) defeated **Italian Stallion** ... **Jim Neidhart** beat **Jim Powers** ... **Yokozuna** beat **Adam Bomb** by countout. After the match, **Kwang the Ninja** came down to ringside and tripped Bomb ... **Tatanka** pinned **Nikolai Volkoff** ... **Duke "The Dumpster" Droese** beat **Duane Gill** ... **Razor Ramon** pinned **Crush** ... World champion **Bret Hart** pinned **Owen Hart.**
(07-01-94)

—Ed Emelett

PHILADELPHIA—Eastern Championship Wrestling "Hostile City Showdown" at the ECW Arena: **Tommy Dreamer** pinned **Hack Meyer** ... **Chad Austin** and **"Devious" Donn E. Allen** battled to a no-contest after **911** entered the ring, attacking both wrestlers and ECW Commissioner **Tod Gordon** ... **Tasmaniac** pinned **Pit Bull Psycho Mike** (with **Jason**) in a dog collar match ... **The Bruise Brothers** defeated **Shane Douglas** & **Mr. Hughes** ... **The Sandman** (with **Woman**) battled **"Ironman" Tommy Cairo** (with **Ms. Peaches**) to a no-decision in a Singapore-cane-on-a-pole match when Sandman revealed a caning stick of his own. He bloodied Sandman's arm with it, and Woman used the cane to hit Peaches on the head and in the back ... **Terry** & **Dory Funk** beat tag team champions **Public Enemy** by disqualification when **Paul E. Dangerously** and **911** interfered ... TV champion **Mikey Whipwreck** defeated **Rockin' Rebel** (with **Jason**) by disqualification ... **Sabu** pinned **Cactus Jack** after **Paul E. Dangerously** hit Jack with his phone. A brawl followed, spilling outside the ring area into the concession stand.
(06-24-94)

—David Frederick & Bart Orkline

SOUTH CAROLINA

INMAN—Pro Wrestling Federation at the Armory: **Flaming Youth** won an eight-man battle royal ... Tag team champions **Italian Stallion** & **George South** defeated **Russian Assassin II** & **Troy Conyers** ... Junior heavyweight champion **Brian Williams** beat **Tyrone Knox** ... **Star Ryder** defeated **Texas Outlaw** ... Intercontinental champion **Cruel Connection II** beat **Whispering Willow** ... **Gladiator II** defeated **Russian Assassin II.**
(07-09-94)

—Brock Chandler

CHARLESTON—WCW Clash of the Champions XXVII at the Charleston Coliseum: World tag team champions **Cactus Jack** & **Kevin Sullivan** defeated **The Nasty Boys** when Jack pinned **Brian Knobs** ... **The Guardian Angel** pinned **Tex Slazenger** ... **Lord Steven Regal** pinned TV champion **Larry Zbyszko** to regain the title ... U.S. champ **Steve Austin** beat **Johnny B. Badd** via reverse decision ... **Ric Flair** pinned **Sting** to unify the World and International heavyweight titles.
(06-23-94)

—Peter Stone

TENNESSEE

JOHNSON CITY—Smoky Mountain Wrestling at Freedom Hall: **Anthony Michaels** defeated **Steve Skyfire** ... **The Thrillseekers** beat **Well Dunn** in a penalty box match ... Tag team champions **Brian Lee** & **Chris Candido** defeated **Scott** & **Steve Armstrong** ... **Tracey Smothers** beat **Bruiser Bedlam** in a dock fight ... Heavyweight champion **Tony Anthony** defeated **Chris Candido** in a cage match.
(07-09-94)

—Ron Donnelly

NASHVILLE—USWA at the Fairgrounds Sports Arena: **Jeff Gaylord** defeated **Tony Falk** ... **Doug Basham** beat **Spellbinder** ... Women's champion **Debbie Combs** defeated **Robbie Rage** ... **Moondog Spot** battled **Tommy Rich** to a double-disqualification ... **Doug Gilbert** beat **Brian Christopher** by disqualification ... **Brian Christopher** & **Moondog Spot** defeated **Tommy Rich** & **Doug Gilbert** ... ***In a double-elimination tournament*—The Eliminators** defeated **PG-13** ... PG-13 beat **Nobutaka Araya** & **Takashi Okano** ... Araya & Okano defeated **The Eliminators** ... PG-13 beat The Eliminators by disqualification ... PG-13 defeated Araya & Okano to win the belts.
(07-09-94)

—Gerald McMurtry

MARYVILLE—All State Wrestling at the Rhinestone: **Shogun** pinned **Lone Star** ... **Chic White** defeated **Bam Bam Christian** ... **Regulator Stone** & **Steel** battled **Deke** & **Jody Ray Rivers** to a double-disqualification ... SWA tag team champions **Rick Conners** & **Lone Star** beat **Bobby B** & **Dennis "The Tank" Coats** ... **Rick Cannon** pinned ASW heavyweight champion **Tony Prichard** to win the title.
(07-07-94)

—Bill Needham

MEMPHIS—USWA at the Mid-South Coliseum: **Jeff Gaylord** defeated **Bull Pain** ... **The Colorado Kid** defeated **Tony Falk** ... **Doug Basham** beat **Spellbinder** ... **Reggie B. Fine** defeated **Koko B. Ware** by disqualification ... Women's champion **Debbie Combs** beat **Susan Sapphire** ... **Brian Christopher** beat **Doug Gilbert** by disqualification ... Southern champion **"Dream Machine" Troy Graham** beat **Moondog Spot** ... In a double-elimination tournament to determine the W*ING tag team champions: **The Eliminators** defeated **PG-13** ... PG-13 beat **The Masters of the Orient** ... The Masters of the Orient beat The Eliminators ... PG-13 defeated The Eliminators by disqualification ... PG-13 beat The Masters of the Orient to win the title ... Heavyweight champion **Jerry Lawler** beat **Tommy Rich** by disqualification ... **Tommy Rich** won a six-man tag team elimination match pitting Rich, **Troy Graham**, and **Doug Gilbert** against **Jerry Lawler**, **Moondog Spot**, and **Brian Christopher**. He last eliminated Lawler, getting help from **Sid Vicious**.
(07-04-94)

—Mark Mitchell

MEMPHIS—USWA at the Mid-South Coliseum: **King Cobra** beat **Tony Falk** ... **Spike Huber** defeated **The Heartbreaker** ... **The Colorado Kid** defeated **Bert Prentice** in a loser-must-wear-a-dress match ... **Koko B. Ware** defeated **Reggie B. Fine** ... **Spellbinder** beat **Spike Huber** (substituting for **Jeff Gaylord**) ... Tag team champions **PG-13** beat **The Eliminators** ... **Brian Christopher** & **Moondog Spot** defeated **Doug Gilbert** & **Tommy Rich** by disqualification when **"Dream Machine" Troy Graham** interfered.
(06-20-94)

—Mark Mitchell

TEXAS

DALLAS—Global Wrestling Federation at the Sportatorium: **Mike Davis** defeated **Dapper Dan** ... **Marc Valiant** beat **Alex Porteau** ... **Moadib** defeated **Mr. X** ... **Al Jackson** beat **Ebony Prince**

... **Scott Putski** defeated **Black Bart** ... **Moadib** won a battle royal.
(07-08-94)

—Carole Randall

VIRGINIA

WAYNESBORO—Mid-Atlantic Wrestling Alliance Legends Reunion at the Greater Shenandoah Valley Fair: Virginia state heavyweight champion **Preston Michaels** beat **The Blue Gator** by submission ... **Fabulous Bill Maddox** defeated national heavyweight champion **Roger Anderson** by disqualification ... Virginia state heavyweight champion **Preston Michaels** beat **The Ladykiller** (managed by **Beautiful Billy Sexton**) when Sexton hit Ladykiller by mistake. After the match, Ladykiller attacked Sexton, but Michaels came to his rescue ... **Jimmy Valiant** pinned **Brent Sawyer** (not the original) in a Virginia street fight ... **Doug Gibson** defeated **Ivan Koloff** (managed by **"Beautiful" Billy Sexton**) for the heavyweight title, with **Jimmy Valiant** as special referee. After the match, **Preston Michaels** challenged Gibson ... **Wahoo McDaniel** beat **Dick Slater** by disqualification when **Ivan Koloff** entered the ring and attacked McDaniel. All the wrestlers eventually took part in a free-for-all.
(06-21-94)

—Tracie Walters

WASHINGTON

VANCOUVER—Championship Wrestling USA at the Clark County Fairgrounds: **Black Blood** defeated **Dane Rush** ... **Bill** & **Bart Sawyer** beat **Chavo** & **Mando Guerrero** ... **Jim** & **Karl Pope** & **Billy Two Eagles** defeated **The Minnesota Maulers** ... **Espectrito** pinned **Mascarita Sagrada** in a midget match ... **Rey Misterio Jr., Billy Jack Haynes,** & **C.W. Bergstrom** beat **Ryuma Go, Psicosis,** & **Col. DeBeers** ... **American Love Machine** (with special celebrity manager **Tonya Harding**), **Eddie Guerrero,** & **Bruiser Brian** defeated **Konnan, Perro Aguayo,** & **Blue Panther** in a best-of-three-falls match. Machine pinned Aguayo in the third fall after Harding handed Machine a soda that he threw in Aguayo's face.
(06-22-94)

—Dick Wylie

WEST VIRGINIA

BECKLEY—Smoky Mountain Wrestling at the Raleigh County Armory: Heavyweight champion **Tony Anthony** beat **Kendo the Samurai** ... **The Thrillseekers** defeated **Well Dunn** in a penalty box match ... **Scott** & **Steve Armstrong** beat tag team champions **Brian Lee** & **Chris Candido** by disqualification ... **Tracey Smothers** defeated **Bruiser Bedlam** in a dock fight.
(07-08-94)

—Millicent Gillingham

INTERNATIONAL

CANADA

KAHNAWAKE, QUEBEC—Independent card at Plaza 138: **Rock 'n' Roll** defeated **Sailor Smith** ... **Darkman** beat **Big Bad Pete McCoy** ... **Kevin Martel** defeated **Big Bad Dollar Smith** ... **Sunny War Cloud** & **Dynamite Dan** beat **Bob Crawford** & **Jeff Jefferson** ... **Tito Santana** defeated **Richard Charland** by disqualification when **Greg Valentine** interfered. **Rick Martel** rescued Santana ... **Bob de la Serra** beat **Vic Tessier** ... **Rick Martel** defeated **Greg Valentine.**
(07-10-94)

—Bertrand Hebert

JOLIETTE, QUEBEC—Northern Championship Wrestling "Challenge Mania II" at the Arena: **Ninja** & **Jim Dancer** defeated **Cannibal** & **The Fuhrer** ... **The Iceman** beat **El Diablero** ... **Warlock** & **Lucifer** defeated **Stephane Belanger** & **Darkman** ... **Syl Dancer** beat **Boris Khruschev** ... **Frank Blues** defeated **Phil Belanger,** four falls to three, in a marathon match ... **Dreamkiller** beat **Black Bear** ... **Syl Dancer** won a 14-man battle royal, last eliminating **Warlock** & **Lucifer**.
(07-08-94)

—Bertrand Hebert

PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO—WWF at the Memorial Community Center: **The Kid** defeated **Kwang the Ninja** ... **The Bushwhackers** beat **The Executioners** ... **Yokozuna** defeated **Typhoon** ... **Jeff Jarrett** beat **Doink the Clown** ... World Women's champion **Alundra Blayze** defeated **Luna Vachon** ... **Lex Luger** beat **Crush** ... World champion **Bret Hart** defeated **Owen Hart.**
(06-30-94)

—Rod Bromley

CLOVERDALE, BRITISH COLUMBIA—West Coast Championship Wrestling at the Fairgrounds: **Dillon Powers** beat **Buddy Wayne** ... **The Trashman** beat **Rocky Della Serra** ... **Firefighter Adrian** beat **Randy Tyler** to win the mid-heavyweight title in a lumberjack match ... **Mike Roselli** beat **Earthquake** by disqualification ... UWA heavyweight champion **Diamond Timothy Flowers** beat West Coast Championship champion **Doby Gillis** to claim both belts. Flowers then gave his friend **Rocky Della Serra** the West Coast belt ... **Johnny Canuck** beat **Michelle Starr** in a hair vs. hair match. After the match, **Dillon Powers** ran in with a chair, kayoed Canuck, and went on to shave Canuck's head.
(06-25-94)

—Stuart Kemp

LASALLE, ONTARIO—Motor City Wrestling at the Civic Center: **Tommy Wildside** beat **Jack Steele** ... **Kuku The Wild Samoan** beat **Rico Rodriguez** ... Tag team champions **Johnny Paradise** & **Scott Summers** beat **The New Fabulous Kangaroos** ... **Bastion Booger** & **Scott D'Amore** beat **Mickey Doyle** & **Chris Pillion.**
(06-25-94)

—Jeff Gorman

CUMBERLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA—Pacific Coast Wrestling at the Cumberland Valley Institute Recreation Center: **Diamond Timothy Flowers** beat **Johnny Canuck** ... **Awesome Annie** beat **Raven Lake** by disqualification ... **Awesome Annie** & **Johnny Canuck** beat **Raven Lake** & **Diamond Timothy Flowers** & **Raven Lake** when Annie pinned Lake ... **Rocky Della Serra** beat **Michelle Starr.**
(06-24-94)

—Stuart Kemp

JAPAN

TOKYO—All-Japan Women at the Teletheater: **Asari** pinned **Rie Tamada** ... **Suzuka Minami** pinned **Tomoko Watanabe** ... **Sakie Hasegawa** & **Kaoru Ito** defeated **Kaoru** & **Yumiko Hotta** when Hasegawa pinned Kaoru ... **Etsuko Mita** pinned **Toshiyo Yamada** ... **Manami Toyota** battled **Mima Shimoda** to a time-limit draw ... **Aja Kong** & **Takako Inoue** defeated **Kyoko Inoue** & **Bull Nakano** when Takako pinned Kyoko. Nakano was injured during the match.
(07-09-94)

—Koichi Yoshizawa

SAPPORO—New Japan at Nakajima Gym: **Tokimitsu Ishizawa** & **Yuji Nagata** defeated **Taksuhito Takaiwa** & **Tadao Yasuda** when Nagata pinned Takaiwa ... **Black Cat, American Love Machine,** & **Black Tiger** beat **Shinichiro Ohtani, 2 Cold Scorpio,** & **El Samurai** when Tiger pinned Ohtani ... **The Nasty Boys** defeated **Max Moon** & **Lord Steven Regal** when **Jerry Sags** pinned Moon ... **Hiro Saito** pinned **Akira Nogami** ... **Takayuki Iizuka** beat **The Great Kabuki** by disqualification ... **Osamu Kido** defeated **Michiyoshi Ohara** ... **Yoshiaki Yatsu** beat **Kengo Kimura** ... **Jushin Liger** pinned **The Great Sasuke** ... **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** defeated **The Great Muta** & **Hiroshi Hase** when Scott pinned Muta ... **Power Warrior, Masa Chono,** & **Shinya Hashimoto** beat **Yoshiaki Fujiwara, Tatsumi Fujinami,** & **Riki Choshu** when Warrior pinned Fujiwara.
(07-08-94)

—Koichi Yoshizawa

TOKUSHIMA—All-Japan Pro Wrestling at the Gym: **Masao Inoue** pinned **Ryukaku Izumida** ... **Yoshinari Ogawa** pinned **Richard Slinger** ... **Abdullah the Butcher** & **Giant Kamala II** defeated **Kurt Beyer** & **The Eagle** when Abdullah pinned Beyer ... **Mitsuo Momota** & **Rusher Kimura** beat **Mighty Inoue** & **Haruka Eigen** ... **Masanobu Fuchi** pinned **Satoru Asako** ... **Kenta Kobashi** pinned **Takao Omori** ... **Giant Baba** & **Stan Hansen** defeated **Johnny Ace** & **Johnny Smith** when Hansen pinned Smith ... Asian tag team champions **Dan Kroffat** & **Doug Furnas** beat **Tsuyochi Kikuchi** & **Jun Akiyama** when Kroffat pinned Kikuchi ... **Toshiaki Kawada** & **Akira Taue** defeated **Tamon Honda** & **Mitsuharu Misawa** when Kawada pinned Honda.
(07-06-94)

—Koichi Yoshizawa

KANAGAWA— All-Japan Women at the Gym: **Chapparita Asari** defeated **Kumiko Maekawa** ... **Yumiko Hotta** & **Etsuko Mita** defeated **Bull Nakano** & **Tomoko Watanabe** ... **Aja Kong** & **Rie Tamada** beat **Mima Shimoda** & **Sakie Hasegawa** ... **Kyoko Inoue** beat **Suzuka Minami** ... **Minami Toyota** & **Takako Inoue** defeated **Toshiyo Yamada** & **Kaoru Ito**.
(07-03-94)

—Koichi Yoshizawa

NAGANO—New Japan "Summer Strangle '94" at the Gym: **Tatsuhito Takaiwa** & **Tadao Yasuda** defeated **Tokimitsu Ishizawa** & **Yuji Nagata** when Yasuda pinned Ishizawa ... **Hiroshi Hase** pinned **Michiyoshi Ohara** after a "northern lights" suplex ... **Power Warrior** beat **Akitoshi Saito** ... **The Great Muta** defeated **Kengo Kimura** by disqualification after **Michiyoshi Ohara** interfered ... **Masa Chono** beat **Tatsutoshi Goto** ... **American Love Machine, Max Moon,** & **Black Tiger** defeated **Shinichiro Ohtari, El Samurai,** & **Jushin Liger** ... **2 Cold Scorpio** & **Lord Steven Regal** beat **Osamu Kido** & **Tatsumi Fujinami** ... **The Nasty Boys** beat **Masa Saito** & **Shinya Hashimoto** when **Jerry Sags** pinned Saito with an elbowdrop from the corner post ... **Kuniaki Kobayashi, The Great Kabuki,** & **Shiro Koshinaka** beat **Akira Nogami, Takayuki Iizuka,** & **Riki Choshu** when Kobayashi pinned Iizuka.
(06-30-94)

—Koichi Yoshizawa

SENDAI—WAR at the City Gym: **Nobakazu Hirai** beat **Yuji Yasuroaka** ... **Rumi Kazama** & **Shinobu Kandori** defeated **Harley Saito** & **Eagle Sawai** when Kandori pinned Saito ... ***WAR six-man tag team title tournament: First round*—Jado, Gedo,** & **Hiromichi Fuyuki** defeated **Hideo Takayama, Hiroshi Itakura,** & **Yaguchi** when Fuyuki pinned Takayama ... **Bret Como, Lion Heart,** & **Dos Caras** battled **Arashi, Super Strong Machine,** & **Ashura Hara** to a 30-minute time-limit draw; Como, Heart, & Caras won by judges' decision ... **Shiryu, The Great Sasuke,** & **Masao Orihara** beat **Masanobu Kurisu, Koji Ishinriki,** & **Takashi Ishikawa** when Orihara pinned Ishinriki ... **Animal Hamaguchi, Koki Kitahara,** & **Genichiro Tenryu** defeated **Ryo Miake, Kishin Kawabata,** & **Kendo Nagasaki** when Tenryu pinned Miake ... ***Semifinals*—**Jado, Gedo, & Fuyuki beat Como, Lion Heart, & Caras when Gedo pinned Como ... Hamaguchi, Kitahara, & Tenryu defeated Shiryu, Sasuke, & Orihara when Kitahara pinned Shiryu after a dragon suplex ... ***Third-place match*—** Shiryu, Sasuke, & Orihara beat Como, Lion Heart, & Caras when Sasuke pinned Como ... ***Finals*—** Jado, Gedo, & Fuyuki defeated Hamaguchi, Kitahara, & Tenryu when Fuyuki pinned Kitahara.
(06-30-94)

—Hikari Inoue

TOKYO—All-Japan Pro Wrestling at Korakuen Hall: **Mitsuo Momota** pinned **Masao Inoue** ...

Yoshinari Ogawa pinned **Kentaro Shiga** ... **The Eagle** & **Johnny Smith** defeated **Kurt Beyer** & **Ron Slinger** when Eagle pinned Beyer ... **Rusher Kimura** & **Giant Baba** beat **Mighty Inoue** & **Haruka Eigen** when Baba pinned Inoue ... **Abdullah the Butcher** & **Giant Kamala II** defeated **Satoru Asako** & **Ryukaku Izumida** when Abdullah pinned Izumida ... **Doug Furnas** & **Dan Kroffat** beat **Tom Zenk** & **Johnny Ace** when Kroffat pinned Zenk ... **Takao Ohmari** & **Stan Hansen** defeated **Tamon Honda** & **Kenta Kobashi** when Hansen pinned Honda ... **Masa Fuchi, Toshiaki Kawada,** & **Akira Taue** beat **Tsuyoshi Kikuchi, Jun Akiyama,** & **Mitsuharu Misawa** when Fuchi pinned Kikuchi.
(06-30-94)

—Masanori Sukawa

OSAKA—FMW at the Gym: **Hideki Hosaka** beat **Tetsuhiro Kuroda** ... **Nurse Nakamura** defeated **Yoshika Ishikura** ... **Gosaku Goshogawara** beat **Mr. Chin** ... **Goro Tsurumi** defeated **Masato Tanaka** ... **Big Titan, Dr. Luther,** & **Ricky Fuji** beat **Damian, Katsutoshi Niiyama,** & **Koji Nakagawa** ... **Megumi Kudo, Miwa Sato,** & **Yukie Nabeno** defeated **Crusher Maedomari, Shark Tsuchiya,** & **Tsuppari Mack** ... **Tarzan Goto** beat **Mr. Gannosuke** ... **Hisakatsu Oya, The Gladiator,** & **Mr. Pogo** defeated **Mitsuhiro Matsunaga, Atsushi Onita,** & **Sambo Asako.**
(06-28-94)

—Koichi Yoshizawa

SAPPORO—LLPW at the Nakajima Center: **Rumi Kazama** defeated **Michiko Ohmukai** ... **Noriyo Tateno** & **Carol Midori** beat **Miki Honda** & **Harley Saito** when Tateno pinned Honda ... LLPW champion **Shinobu Kandori** defeated **Eagle Sawai.**
(06-24-94)

—Hikari Inoue

TAKAHATA—All-Japan Women at the Gym: **Aja Kong** & **Kyoko Inoue** defeated **Sakie Hasegawa** & **Yumiko Hotta** when Inoue pinned Hasegawa ... **Toshiyo Yamada** battled **Kaoru Ito** to a 30-minute draw ... **Bull Nakano** & **Hinami Suzuke** beat **Mima Shimoda** & **Etsuko Mita** when Nakano pinned Shimoda ... **Tomako Watanabe** pinned **Asari** ... **Asari** pinned **Rie Tamada.**
(06-24-94)

—Masanori Sukawa

TAKOAKA—FMW at Techno Doom: **Koji Nakagawa** defeated **Gosaka Goshogawara** ... **Gosaka Goshogawara** beat **Mr. Chin** ... **Miwa Sato** pinned **Ishikura** ... **Ricky Fuji** & **Big Titan** defeated **Katsutoshi Niiyama** & **Mitsuhiro Matsunaga** ... **Tsuppari Mack, Crusher Maedomari,** & **Shark Tsuchiya** beat **Nurse Nakamura, Yukie Nabeno,** & **Kudo Negumi** when Mack pinned Nakamura ... **Mr. Luce** pinned **Damian** ... **Goro Tsurumi** & **Hideki** defeated **Tetsuo Kuroda** & **Tarzan Goto** when Tsurumi pinned Kuroda ... **Hisakatsu Ohya, The Gladiator,** & **Mr. Pogo** beat **Mr. Gannosuke, Sambo Asako,** & **Atsushi Onita** in a no-rope, barbed-wire, street-fight death match when Gladiator pinned Asako.
(06-23-94)

—Hikari Inoue

TOKYO—IWA at Korakuen Hall: **Hiro Hatanaka** pinned **Hiroshi Ono** ... **Johnny Gomez** pinned **The Oriental** ... **Dick Murdoch** pinned **Takashi Okano** ... **The Head Hunters** defeated **Leatherface** & **Jason the Terrible** when **Head Hunter I** pinned Jason ... **Miguel Perez Jr.** pinned **Nobutaka Araya** ... **Yukihiro Kanemura** pinned **Shoji Nakamaki** in a barbed-wire barricade death match.
(06-23-94)

—Koichi Yoshizawa

MEXICO

MEXICO CITY—EMLL at Arena Mexico: **Americo Rocca, Pantera II,** & **Apollo Dantes** defeated **Felino, Cachorro Mendoza,** & **Javier Cruz.** ***In a one-night trios tournament***—**Silver King, El Texano, & Dandy** beat **Dr. Wagner Jr,, Gran Markus Jr.,** & **El Hijo del Gladiador** ... **Pegasus Kid, Canadian Vampire,** & **Rayo de Jalisco Jr.** defeated **Negro Casas, Mano Negra,** & **Pierroth Jr.** ... King, Texano, & Dandy beat Kid, Vampire, & Rayo de Jalisco Jr. to win the tournament.
(07-08-94)

—Fernando Higuera

TIJUANA—AAA at the Auditorium: **Rey Misterio Jr., Torero,** & **Latin Lover** defeated **Tony Arce, Vulcano,** & **Psicosis** ... **Cien Caras, Mascara Ana 2000,** & **Universo 2000** beat **Los Payasos** ... **Rey Misterio** defeated **Jerry Estrada** by disqualification ... **Pirata Morgan, El Satanico,** & **Espectro** beat **Konnan, Perro Aguayo,** & **Mascara Sagrada** by disqualification.
(07-08-94)

—Pedro Hernandez

AGUASCALIENTES—AAA at the Auditorium: **Jerrito Estrada, Espectrito,** & **Fuercita Guerrera** defeated **Micro Konnan, Mascarita Sagrada,** & **Octagoncito** ... **Tony Arce, Vulcano,** & **Rocco Valente** beat **Rey Misterio Jr., Volador,** & **Lizmark** ... **Perro Aguayo, Octagon,** & **Tineblas Jr.** defeated **Pirata Morgan, El Satanico,** & **Espectro** by disqualification.
(07-06-94)

—Fernando Higuera

PUERTO RICO

CAGUAS—World Wrestling Council at the Cancha Arena: **El Cyclone** defeated **El Exotico** ... **Dutch Mantel** defeated **Hurricane Castillo** in a barbed-wire match ... **Eddie Gilbert** and **Ray Gonzales** wrestled to a double-disqualification ... **Mohammed Hussein** & **The Tahitian Warrior** defeated **El Bronco** & **Pulgarcito** to capture the held-up tag team title.
(06-25-94)

—Pablo Maron

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY
OCTOBER

CONNECTICUT

BRIDGEPORT—At the City Arena: **Dory Dixon** defeated **Magnificent Maurice** by disqualification ... **Arnold Skaaland** beat **Tommy O'Toole** in two straight falls ... **Chris** & **John Tolos** defeated **Bob Boyer** & **Gene Kelly** in two straight falls ... **Edouard Carpentier** beat **Miguel Torres** ... **Gordo Chihuahua** defeated **Pat Kennedy** ... **Dory Dixon** beat **Frank Valois** ... **Magnificent Maurice** & **Handsome Johnny Barend** defeated **Guy Taylor** & **Gregory Jarque.**
(10-30-62)

—Samuel Moon

FLORIDA

WEST PALM BEACH—NWA at the Auditorium: **Ali Bey** beat **Rick Oliver** ... **Pete Austin** battled **Prince Tonga** to a draw ... **Sonny King** & **Eric the Red** defeated **Mike** & **Eddie Graham** ... **Pak Song** beat **Killer Karl Kox** in a non-sanctioned lights-out match ... Southern champion **Wahoo McDaniel** defeated **Bobby Duncum** ... **Jerry Brisco** & **Jim Garvin** beat U.S. tag team champions **Mr. Sato** & **Mr. Saito** by disqualification ... World champion **Harley Race** beat **Rocky Johnson.**
(10-30-78)

—Andre Peck

NEW YORK

ROCHESTER—At the Henrietta Dome Arena: **The Executioner** defeated **Dave O'Hannon** ... **Francisco Flores** beat **Keith Franke** ... **Haystacks Calhoun** defeated **Man Mountain Mike** ... **Ivan Koloff** beat **Pete Sanchez** ... **Blackjack Lanza** & **Blackjack Mulligan** defeated **Domenic DeNucci** & **Pat Barrett.**
(10-22-75)

—Amanda Cullinane

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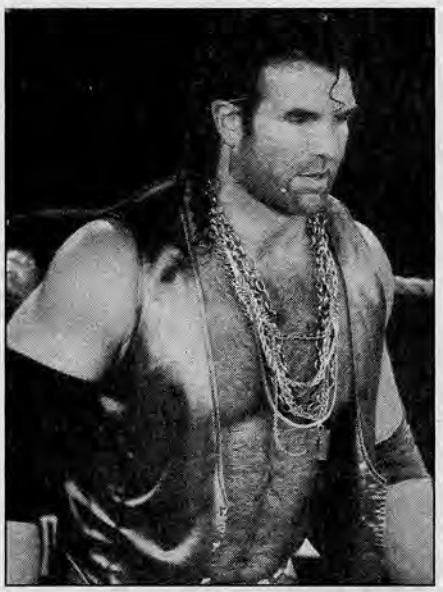

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TOP 10

1. **BRET HART**
   234, Calgary, Alberta
   (1) WWF World champion
2. **HULK HOGAN**
   275, Venice Beach, CA
   (-) WCW World champion
3. **DIESEL**
   356, Las Vegas, NV
   (8) WWF Intercontinental champion
4. **RIC FLAIR**
   243, Minneapolis, MN
   (2) No. 2 contender: WCW World title
5. **STEVE AUSTIN**
   241, Dallas, TX
   (7) U.S. heavyweight champion
6. **THE UNDERTAKER**
   328, parts unknown
   (-) No. 4 contender: WWF World title
7. **STING**
   260, Venice Beach, CA
   (3) No. 4 contender: WCW World title
8. **RAZOR RAMON**
   287, Miami, FL
   (4) No. 3 contender: WWF World title
9. **TONY ANTHONY**
   235, Bucksnort, TN
   (-) Smoky Mountain champion
10. **JERRY LAWLER**
    234, Memphis, TN
    (-) No. 6 contender: WWF World title

TAG TEAMS

1. **THE HEADSHRINKERS**
   Combined weight: 520 pounds
   (1) WWF World tag team champions
2. **PAUL ORNDORFF & PAUL ROMA**
   Combined weight: 488 pounds
   (-) WCW World tag team champions
3. **THE HEAVENLY BODIES**
   Combined weight: 450 pounds
   (-) No. 1 contenders: WWF World tag title
4. **MARCUS BAGWELL & THE PATRIOT**
   Combined weight: 491 pounds
   (10) No. 1 contenders: WCW World tag title
5. **CHRIS CANDIDO & BRIAN LEE**
   Combined weight: 477 pounds
   (3) Smoky Mountain tag team champions
6. **STEVE AUSTIN & RIC FLAIR**
   Combined weight: 484 pounds
   (-) No. 2 contenders: WCW World tag title
7. **PUBLIC ENEMY**
   Combined weight: 583 pounds
   (7) ECW tag team champions
8. **PG-13**
   Combined weight: 471 pounds
   (8) USWA tag team champions
9. **THE ROCK 'N' ROLL EXPRESS**
   Combined weight: 453 pounds
   (9) No. 1 contenders: Smoky Mountain tag title
10. **THE SMOKIN' GUNNS**
    Combined weight: 465 pounds
    (-) No. 2 contenders: WWF World tag title

WCW

World Champion:
HULK HOGAN
(-)275, Venice Beach, CA

1. **STEVE AUSTIN** *(1) 241, Dallas, TX*
2. **RIC FLAIR** *(C) 243, Minneapolis, MN*
3. **STEVE REGAL** *(2) 247, Blackpool, England*
4. **STING** *(3) 260, Venice Beach, CA*
5. **RICK STEAMBOAT** *(-) 238, Honolulu, HI*
6. **BIG VAN VADER** *(6) 450, Denver, CO*
7. **JOHNNY B. BADD** *(4) 235, Macon, GA*
8. **DUSTIN RHODES** *(8) 254, Austin, TX*
9. **BRIAN PILLMAN** *(9) 226, Cincinnati, OH*
10. **HACKSAW DUGGAN** *(-) 280, Glens Falls, NY*

WWF

World Champion:
BRET HART
(C) 234, Calgary, Alberta

1. **DIESEL** *(1) 356, Las Vegas, NV*
2. **OWEN HART** *(2) 227, Calgary, Alberta*
3. **RAZOR RAMON** *(3) 287, Miami, FL*
4. **THE UNDERTAKER** *(-) 328, parts unknown*
5. **BAM BAM BIGELOW** *(-) 368, Mt. Laurel, NJ*
6. **JERRY LAWLER** *(-) 234, Memphis, TN*
7. **DOINK THE CLOWN** *(-) 235, parts unknown*
8. **JEFF JARRETT** *(7) 230, Nashville, TN*
9. **MABEL** *(-) 503, Harlem, NY*
10. **LEX LUGER** *(4) 265, Chicago, IL*

GLOBAL

Global Champion:
CHRIS ADAMS
(1) 228, Stratford, England

1. **ROD PRICE** *(C) 265, Los Angeles, CA*
2. **ICEMAN PARSONS** *(2) 245, St. Louis, MO*
3. **ACTION JACKSON** *(3) 281, Dallas, TX*
4. **BLACK PRINCE** *(5) 243, Dallas, TX*
5. **TERRY GORDY** *(6) 289, Chattanooga, TN*
6. **ALEX PORTEAU** *(8) 235, Dallas, TX*
7. **JIMMY GARVIN** *(7) 242, Charlotte, NC*
8. **DEVON MICHAELS** *(9) 231, Dallas, TX*
9. **BUTCH REED** *(10) 265, Kansas City, MO*
10. **NICK GOLDEN** *(4) 238, Dallas, TX*

USWA

USWA Champion:
SID VICIOUS
(-) 318, West Memphis, AR

1. **BRIAN CHRISTOPHER** *(2) 230, Memphis, TN*
2. **JEFF GAYLORD** *(-) 280, St. Louis, MO*
3. **JERRY LAWLER** *(C) 234, Memphis, TN*
4. **TOMMY RICH** *(4) 248, Hendersonville, TN*
5. **DOUG GILBERT** *(3) 241, Lexington, TN*
6. **TROY GRAHAM** *(1) 237, Memphis, TN*
7. **BART SAWYER** *(-) 235, Portland, OR*
8. **SPELLBINDER** *(5) 246, parts unknown*
9. **REGGIE B. FINE** *(-) 215, Memphis, TN*
10. **DOUG BASHAM** *(-) 228, Memphis, TN*

OFFICIAL RATINGS

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MOST POPULAR

1	**HULK HOGAN** *275, Venice Beach, CA* **Last issue: unrated**
2	**BRET HART** *234, Calgary, Alberta* **Last issue: No. 1 Most Popular**
3	**RAZOR RAMON** *287, Miami, FL* **Last issue: No. 3 Most Popular**
4	**THE UNDERTAKER** *328, parts unknown* **Last issue: No. 6 Most Popular**
5	**STING** *260, Venice Beach, CA* **Last issue: No. 2 Most Popular**
6	**LEX LUGER** *265, Chicago, IL* **Last issue: No. 4 Most Popular**
7	**RICK STEAMBOAT** *238, Honolulu, HI* **Last issue: No. 5 Most Popular**
8	**RANDY SAVAGE** *237, Sarasota, FL* **Last issue: No. 7 Most Popular**
9	**TATANKA** *250, Pembroke, NC* **Last issue: No. 8 Most Popular**
10	**DUSTIN RHODES** *254, Austin, TX* **Last issue: No. 9 Most Popular**

MOST HATED

1	**OWEN HART** *227, Calgary, Alberta* **Last issue: No. 1 Most Hated**
2	**BIG VAN VADER** *450, Denver, CO* **Last issue: No. 2 Most Hated**
3	**JERRY LAWLER** *234, Memphis, TN* **Last issue: No. 4 Most Hated**
4	**DIESEL** *356, Las Vegas, NV* **Last issue: No. 3 Most Hated**
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7	**BAM BAM BIGELOW** *368, Mt. Laurel, NJ* **Last issue: No. 8 Most Hated**
8	**JAKE ROBERTS** *253, Stone Mountain, GA* **Last issue: No. 9 Most Hated**
9	**YOKOZUNA** *568, Samoa* **Last issue: unrated**
10	**BUNKHOUSE BUCK** *239, Bucksnort, TN* **Last issue: unrated**

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SINGLES

1—RIC FLAIR.....87 points
2—BRET HART.....81 points
3—RAZOR RAMON.....61 points
4—STING.....48 points
5—YOKOZUNA.....45 points

TAG TEAMS

1—THE NASTY BOYS.....82 points
2—THE HEADSHRINKERS.....60 points
3—THE QUEBECERS.....60 points
4—THE HEAVENLY BODIES.....47 points
5—RICK & SCOTT STEINER.....39 points

SMOKY MOUNTAIN

Smoky Mountain Champion:
TONY ANTHONY
(C) 235, Bucksnort, TN

1—TRACEY SMOTHERS
(2) 227, Atlanta, GA
2—KENDO THE SAMURAI
(-) 235, Tokyo, Japan
3—CHRIS CANDIDO
(4) 226, Carteret, NJ
4—BRIAN LEE
(7) 251, Los Angeles, CA
5—BRUISER BEDLAM
(3) 235, Newark, NJ
6—KILLER KYLE
(5) 303, Atlanta, GA
7—RICK MORTON
(6) 228, Memphis, TN
8—CHRIS JERICHO
(-) 225, Vancouver, B. Columbia
9—ROBERT GIBSON
(8) 225, Pensacola, FL
10—SCOTT ARMSTRONG
(-) 212, Marietta, GA

ECW

ECW Champion:
SHANE DOUGLAS
(C) 223, Pittsburgh, PA

1—SABU
(2) 220, Bombay
2—TERRY FUNK
(1) 247, Amarillo, TX
3—MIKEY WHIPWRECK
(3) 187, New York, NY
4—TOMMY DREAMER
(10) 245, Yonkers, NY
5—TASMANIAC
(6) 221, Tasmania
6—MR. HUGHES
(9) 308, Kansas City, KS
7—ROCKIN' REBEL
(-) 219, Philadelphia, PA
8—THE SANDMAN
(7) 244, Philadelphia, PA
9—TOMMY CAIRO
(4) 257, Philadelphia, PA
10—PIT BULL PSYCHO MIKE
(-) 227, Penny Pot, NJ

AAA: AAA Champion—Konnan; **1**—The Love Machine; **2**—Jake Roberts; **3**—Perro Aguayo; **4**—Octagon; **5**—Cien Caras; **6**—El Hijo Del Santo; **7**—Eddy Guerrero; **8**—Blue Panther; **9**—Psicosis; **10**—Miguel Perez Jr..

IWCCW: IWCCW Champion—Title Vacant; **1**—Manny Fernandez; **2**—Cousin Luke; **3**—Gino Caruso; **4**—Joe Savoldi; **5**—Tito Santana; **6**—Chris Michaels; **7**—L.A. Gore; **8**—Tony Atlas; **9**—Kodiak Bear; **10**—Power Blaster I.

MTW: MTW Champion—Machine Gun Kelly; **1**—Bobo Brazil Jr.; **2**—Sean Casey; **3**—Bruiser Bedlam; **4**—Chris Carter; **5**—Rock Stevens; **6**—Johnny Paradise; **7**—J.T. Lightning; **8**—Scott Summers; **9**—Denny Kass; **10**—Mohammed Saad.

PWA: PWA Champion—The Hater; **1**—Charlie Norris; **2**—Blake Beverly; **3**—Storm Trooper Aaron; **4**—Punisher; **5**—Mr. Dynamic; **6**—Storm Trooper Willie; **7**—Jerry Lynn; **8**—Tommy Ferrara; **9**—J.B. Trask; **10**—Mr. Destruction.

PWF: PWF Champion—Title Vacant; **1**—Italian Stallion; **2**—George South; **3**—Brian Williams; **4**—Cruel Connection II; **5**—Tyrone Knox; **6**—Flaming Youth; **7**—Gladiator II; **8**—Russian Assassin II; **9**—Black Scorpion; **10**—Masked Maniac.

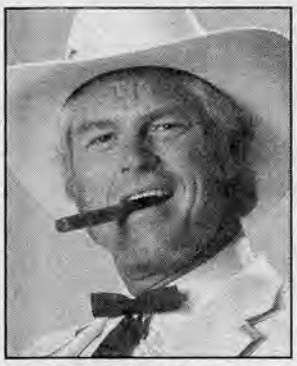
WWA: WWA Champion—Friendly Frank; **1**—King Kong Bundy; **2**—Abudah Singh; **3**—Boy Gone Bad; **4**—Ray Odyssey; **5**—Chris Weider; **6**—Ed Atlas; **7**—Akita Kaos; **8**—Ramblin' Rich; **9**—Gus the Greek; **10**—A. C. Connor

WWWA: WWWA Champion—Brutus Beefcake; **1**—Jack Hammer; **2**—Nailz; **3**—Sid Vicious; **4**—Tito Santana; **5**—Rick Martel; **6**—Harley Lewis; **7**—Johnny Gunn; **8**—Jim Neidhart; **9**—Abdullah the Butcher; **10**—King Kaluha.

RATINGS ANALYSIS

Every month, this column will tell fans how we go about rating over 200 wrestlers in 19 different categories. It is a behind-the-scenes look at the most important–and respected–ratings system in the sport.This column is vital reading for all wrestling fans.

Stables, corporations, federations, and alliances. Only six months ago, in our June 1994 issue, we lamented the downfall of wrestling's supergroups. "Special Analysis: The Demise Of Wrestling's Megagroups" offered theories as to why once-powerful groups like **The Four Horsemen** and **The Dangerous Alliance** no longer ruled wrestling.



Col. Robert Parker

Just when it looked like we'd seen the last of wrestling's megagroups, they've started forming all over the place again.

Col. Robert Parker, whom many people laughed at when he first appeared in WCW, is now one of the most powerful men in the federation. His **Stud Stable** includes **Steve Austin**, **Bunkhouse Buck**, **Terry Funk**, and **Meng**.

The Colonel thinks a lot of himself, but he does look out for his wrestlers. He guided Austin to the U.S. title last December and his interference has prevented numerous challengers from capturing the belt from "Stunning" Steve.

Parker also brought the unknown Buck into WCW, where he immediately received shots at **Dustin Rhodes**. Buck even beat Rhodes several times.

The Southern manager also secured a World title match for **Barry Windham** against **Ric Flair** at Slamboree in May. It was the "Lone Wolf's" only match since he seriously injured his knee at Beach Blast in July 1993.

Windham, however, was only a member of the Stud Stable for that one evening.

Parker also made it very clear that **Arn Anderson** would have been stupid not to accept his offer and join the group. He did just that after turning against Rhodes at Bash at the Beach.

"The Enforcer" had previously hinted that the Horsemen might soon be revived, possibly with Flair as one of his stablemates.

In the WWF, **Ted DiBiase's** influence continues to expand. The "Million-Dollar Man's" corporation now includes **Nikolai Volkoff**, an impostor **Undertaker**, and **Bam Bam Bigelow.** He expects to have **Lex Luger** under contract very soon.

Volkoff still doesn't appreciate the way his employer—or as DiBiase puts it, his "owner"—treats him, but DiBiase has infused new life into his fading career. The Moscow native is dominating the early stages of a feud with **Virgil** and could become a legitimate title contender in the near future.

The impostor Undertaker, whose identity still hadn't been revealed at press time, is also excelling. He demolished numerous preliminary wrestlers and crushed **Tatanka** with a tombstone piledriver en route to a win at a TV taping.

It's too early to tell if DiBiase will be able to help Bigelow. The "Beast From The East" struggled in a feud with **Doink the Clown** earlier this year and has recently targeted the 503-pound **Mabel**. A little help from the "Million-Dollar Man," however, could be just what Bigelow needs to finally capture a title in the WWF.

Megagroups are popping up on the independent scene as well. **Jim Cornette**, in an effort to destroy enemies like SMW Commissioner **Bob Armstrong** and his sons and **Tracey Smothers**, is assembling a **Federation of International Thugs and Eliminators**. **Bruiser Bedlam** and **Killer Kyle** are members of the organization; Terry and **Dory Funk Jr.** are heading the group's Amarillo, Texas, branch.

Bedlam is struggling in a series of dock fights with Smothers, but the Funks are enjoying success against the Armstrongs. They all could prove tougher if Cornette adds new thugs to his federation and they all work together.

Paul E. Dangerously's Dangerous Alliance in isn't as talent-laden as the groups he once had in WCW, but he does have **Sabu** and the towering **911**. 911, who was initially hired to be Sabu's handler, frequently interferes in Sabu's matches and helps him to victory. Paul E. is constantly on the lookout for new talent and will spare no expense to sign wrestlers he thinks can help him.

Paul E. Dangerously

What do you think of these new megagroups? Some people say they are doomed from the start because there are always too many huge egos involved. Do you think they can last? Are today's wrestlers making the right move in the long run by joining groups? Will it help them move up in the ratings and become champions sooner?

Until next month ... Let us know your opinions on today's megagroups or on anything else concerning our ratings. Write to: "Ratings Analysis," c/o PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED, Box 956, Fort Washington, PA 19034. □

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HOGAN DEFEATS FLAIR FOR SIXTH WORLD TITLE!

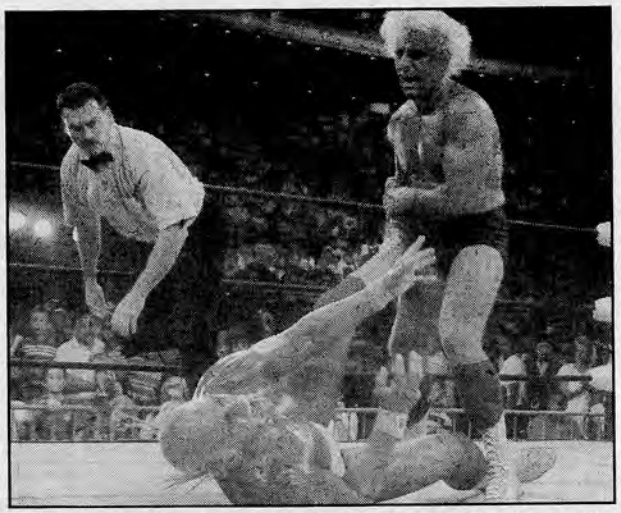
Challengers In WCW Already Lining Up

By DAVE ROSENBAUM

ORLANDO, FL—Hulk Hogan became just the third wrestler to win world titles in both the NWA/WCW and the WWF (Buddy Rogers and Ric Flair are the other two) when he pinned Flair to win the WCW World title at Bash at the Beach.

The "Hulkster" won despite plenty of interference from Sherri Martel. Early on in the match, she tried to smash Hogan with a chair, only to be thwarted by Jimmy Hart, Hogan's manager. Later, she threw referee Randy Anderson into the steel railing outside the ring and even splashed Hogan from the top rope. Finally, Mr. T picked her up and carried her back to the dressing room.

The match action was exciting. Each man even put the other in a figure-four leglock and escaped numerous near falls. Hogan scored the pin after using his clothesline-leg-drop combination.



Hulk Hogan withstood Ric Flair's attack at Bash at the Beach, but still came away with the WCW World title. Hogan joins Flair and Buddy Rogers as the only men to win world titles in the NWA/WCW and the WWF.

"This proves to everyone that 'Hulkamania' is the strongest force in the world," said Hogan. "It's alive and well in WCW."

Down the hall—in the rulebreakers' locker room—many wrestlers were issuing challenges to Hogan.

"If Hogan thinks I was tough to beat tonight, he should see how determined I am when I don't have the belt," said Flair. "He hasn't heard the last of me!"

Said Big Van Vader: "'Hulkamania' doesn't mean squat to me. It never did. If Hogan were a man, he'd give me a shot. If he does, he'll find out what's it's like to play Vader's pain game. I'll make him sorry he didn't retire for good!"

Surprisingly, even fan favorite Sting, who missed the card because of an injury, later said he wanted a crack at the belt. "I respect Hulk," he said, "but I'm a three-time WCW World champ. My credentials speak for themselves."

Nakano Pursues WWF Women's Title

By V.J. PATERNO

YOUNGSTOWN, OH—The much-anticipated series of matches between WWF World Women's champion Alundra Blayze and crazed challenger Luna Vachon turned out very one-sided as Blayze has won every match from her rival. As a result, Vachon sought help from the brawny Bull Nakano.

Nakano wrestled Blayze to a thrilling double-countout on *Monday Night Raw*.

"I have a score to settle with Blayze," Nakano said through an interpreter. "I respect her, but when she came to Japan, she treated me with no respect. She thinks she is the greatest woman wrestler in the world. She thought she was better than everyone. She is good, but I am better!"

The record book says otherwise, at least if recent matches are any indication. Blayze and Nakano wrestled four times on the WWF's Far East tour. The 210-pound Nakano won the first bout, a non-title bout, before Blayze beat her three straight times.

Nakano was expected to battle Blayze in a series of matches in the U.S. Neither Blayze nor Vachon would comment on the situation.

Japanese star Bull Nakano is helping Luna Vachon try to destroy WWF World Women's champion Alundra Blayze.

Vicious Injures Lawler, Awarded USWA Belt

By ANDY RODRIGUEZ

MEMPHIS, TN—Sid Vicious is making yet another comeback. This time his target is Jerry "The King" Lawler, and he's already stirred up trouble in the USWA by "winning" the heavyweight title without wrestling in a single match.

Vicious was supposed to wrestle Lawler for the title at a TV taping, but "The King" got into an argument with Tommy Rich earlier in the show. Rich called Lawler a coward and challenged him. Shortly after they got into the ring, Vicious also charged in and drove Lawler to the mat with a chokeslam.

The USWA champ suffered a concussion and was unable to face Sid. USWA officials met and decided to award the title to Vicious by forfeit.

Two weeks earlier, Vicious interfered in a tag team match involving Lawler and Rich remained. He attacked the Memphis monarch, enabling Rich to pin him.

"Jerry Lawler isn't 'The King'" Vicious screamed. "I am 'The King' of Memphis. I am the best wrestler in the world. I will rule the world and destroy anyone who dares to cross my path!"

"Wait till faces me one-on-one, like a real man" said Lawler. "We'll see who's 'The King.'"

Trouble Brewing Between Lee, Candido

By DAVE LENKER

JOHNSON CITY, TN—All is not well in the camp of Smoky Mountain tag team champions Brian Lee and Chris Candido and their manager, Tammy Fytch. After months of bickering, the two wrestlers nearly came to blows after Candido lost a steel cage match to SMW champ Tony Anthony.

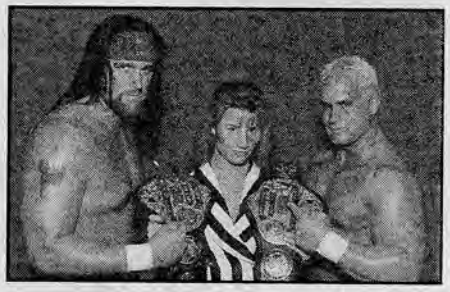
Candido missed a splash from the top of the cage during the bout, but nearly won the belt when Lee threw him a glove. But Anthony back bodydropped Candido, then hit him with a chain and pinned him.

Before this latest incident, Fytch had actually encouraged her charges to argue, insisting their disagreements only made them better as a team.

"This is nothing to worry about," said Fytch. "As usual, everyone is blowing this out of proportion just to try to make trouble. Brian and Chris will retire with the belts."

Lee didn't sound so optimistic.

"Chris could've been heavyweight champ and tag team champ at the same time," he said. "I gave him that chance and he blew it. I had a right to be mad. He's gotta concentrate better."



Tammy Fytch likes it when her charges, SMW tag team champs Brian Lee and Chris Candido, argue, but their disagreements have been getting out of hand lately.

AROUND THE GLOBE

KEIL, GERMANY

With the WWF noticeably short on top-notch tag teams, The Rock 'n' Roll Express might be picking just the right time to give it another go in the WWF. Rick Morton and Robert Gibson competed on the WWF's recent European tour, losing to The Smokin' Gunns in their first bout. The Headshrinkers, the current champs, are wrestling well, but most experts agree that both the Gunns and Rock 'n' Rolls could beat them.

KAHNAWAKE, QUEBEC

Old feuds never die, they just move to different federations. Tito Santana and Greg Valentine feuded in the WWF in the mid-1980s. Valentine beat Santana for the Intercontinental title in September 1984, then lost it back to him 10 months later. They renewed the rivalry here. Santana beat Richard Charland by disqualification when Valentine interfered. Tito was saved by his former tag team partner Rick Martel.

SAPPORO, JAPAN

The Nasty Boys took a break from their WCW battles to wrestle for New Japan, where they defeated teams such as Lord Steven Regal and Max Moon. Curiously, Rick and Scott Steiner wrestled on the same New Japan card, beating The Great Muta and Hiroshi Hase. Promoters here are rumored to be scrambling to sign a Steiners-Nastys match. The two teams feuded in WCW several years ago.

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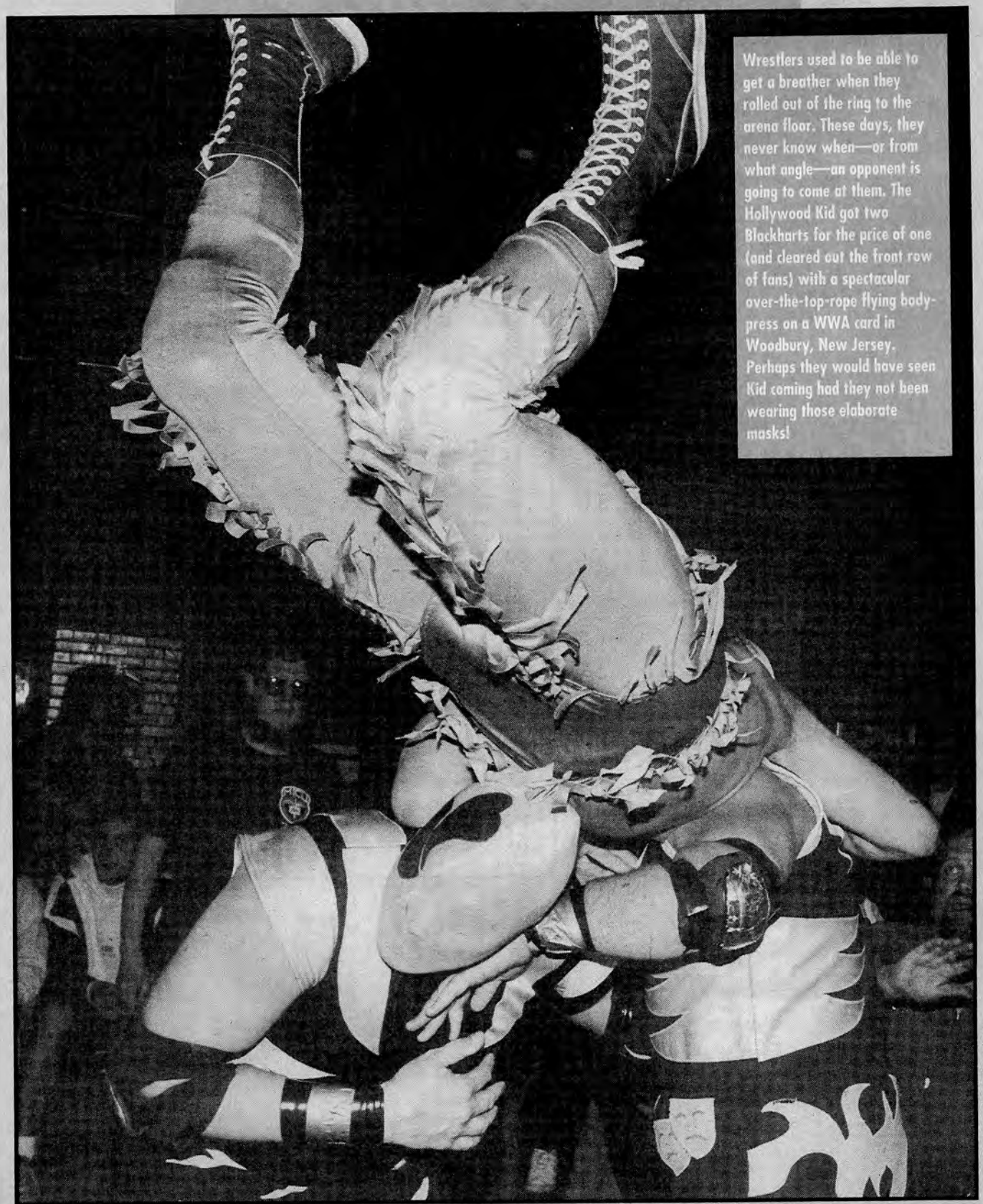

Wrestlers used to be able to get a breather when they rolled out of the ring to the arena floor. These days, they never know when—or from what angle—an opponent is going to come at them. The Hollywood Kid got two Blackharts for the price of one (and cleared out the front row of fans) with a spectacular over-the-top-rope flying body-press on a WWA card in Woodbury, New Jersey. Perhaps they would have seen Kid coming had they not been wearing those elaborate masks!

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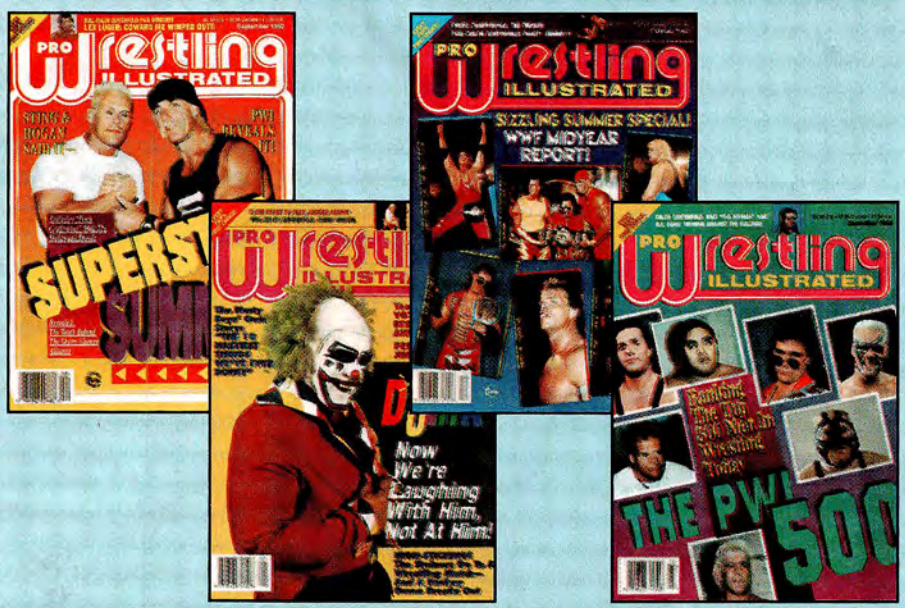

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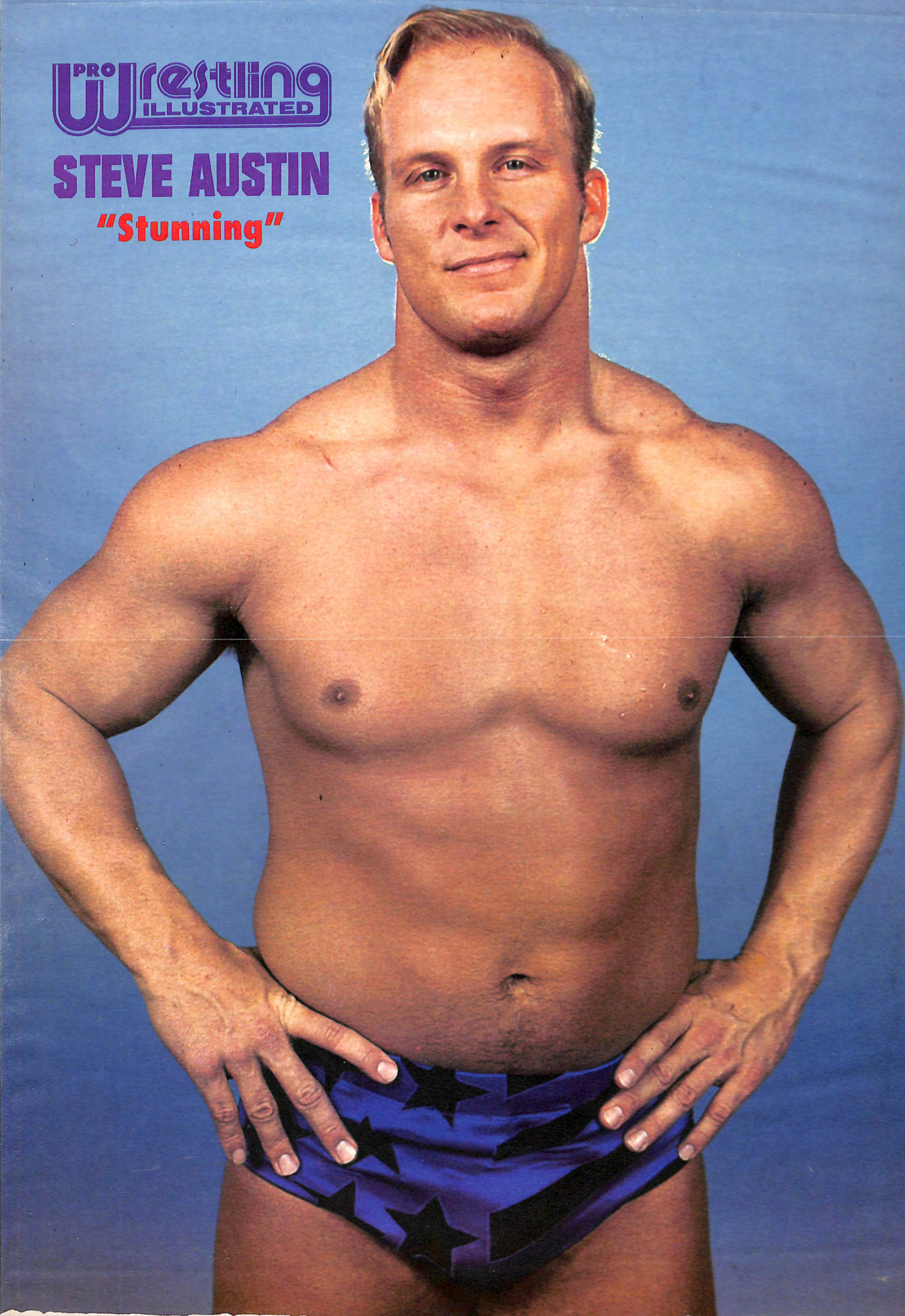
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